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(57) Abstract

Novel polypeptides, designated Apo-2, which are capable of modulating apoptosis are provided. Compositions including Apo-2 chimeras, nucleic acid encoding Apo-2, and antibodies to Apo-2 are also provided.

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Apo-2 ReceptorFIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to the identification, isolation, and recombinant production of novel 5 polypeptides, designated herein as Apo-2, and to anti-Apo-2 antibodies.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTIONApoptosis or "Programmed Cell Death"

Control of cell numbers in mammals is believed to be 10 determined, in part, by a balance between cell proliferation and cell death. One form of cell death, sometimes referred to as necrotic cell death, is typically characterized as a pathologic form of cell death resulting from some trauma or cellular injury. In contrast, there is another, "physiologic" form of cell death 15 which usually proceeds in an orderly or controlled manner. This orderly or controlled form of cell death is often referred to as "apoptosis" [see, e.g., Barr et al., Bio/Technology, 12:487-493 (1994); Steller et al., Science, 267:1445-1449 (1995)]. Apoptotic cell death naturally occurs in many physiological processes, 20 including embryonic development and clonal selection in the immune system [Itoh et al., Cell, 66:233-243 (1991)]. Decreased levels of apoptotic cell death have been associated with a variety of pathological conditions, including cancer, lupus, and herpes virus infection [Thompson, Science, 267:1456-1462 (1995)]. Increased 25 levels of apoptotic cell death may be associated with a variety of other pathological conditions, including AIDS, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, multiple sclerosis, retinitis pigmentosa, cerebellar degeneration, aplastic anemia, myocardial infarction, stroke, reperfusion injury, and 30 toxin-induced liver disease [see, Thompson, supra].

Apoptotic cell death is typically accompanied by one or more characteristic morphological and biochemical changes in cells, such as condensation of cytoplasm, loss of plasma membrane microvilli, segmentation of the nucleus, degradation of chromosomal 35 DNA or loss of mitochondrial function. A variety of extrinsic and intrinsic signals are believed to trigger or induce such morphological and biochemical cellular changes [Raff, Nature, 356:397-400 (1992); Steller, supra; Sachs et al., Blood, 82:15

(1993)]. For instance, they can be triggered by hormonal stimuli, such as glucocorticoid hormones for immature thymocytes, as well as withdrawal of certain growth factors [Watanabe-Fukunaga et al., Nature, 356:314-317 (1992)]. Also, some identified oncogenes such as *myc*, *rel*, and *E1A*, and tumor suppressors, like *p53*, have been reported to have a role in inducing apoptosis. Certain chemotherapy drugs and some forms of radiation have likewise been observed to have apoptosis-inducing activity [Thompson, supra].

TNF Family of Cytokines

Various molecules, such as tumor necrosis factor- α ("TNF- α "), tumor necrosis factor- β ("TNF- β " or "lymphotoxin"), CD30 ligand, CD27 ligand, CD40 ligand, OX-40 ligand, 4-1BB ligand, Apo-1 ligand (also referred to as Fas ligand or CD95 ligand), and Apo-2 ligand (also referred to as TRAIL) have been identified as members of the tumor necrosis factor ("TNF") family of cytokines [See, e.g., Gruss and Dower, Blood, 85:3378-3404 (1995); Wiley et al., Immunity, 3:673-682 (1995); Pitti et al., J. Biol. Chem., 271:12687-12690 (1996); WO 97/01633 published January 16, 1997]. Among these molecules, TNF- α , TNF- β , CD30 ligand, 4-1BB ligand, Apo-1 ligand, and Apo-2 ligand (TRAIL) have been reported to be involved in apoptotic cell death. Both TNF- α and TNF- β have been reported to induce apoptotic death in susceptible tumor cells [Schmid et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 83:1881 (1986); Dealtry et al., Eur. J. Immunol., 17:689 (1987)]. Zheng et al. have reported that TNF- α is involved in post-stimulation apoptosis of CD8-positive T cells [Zheng et al., Nature, 377:348-351 (1995)]. Other investigators have reported that CD30 ligand may be involved in deletion of self-reactive T cells in the thymus [Amakawa et al., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Symposium on Programmed Cell Death, Abstr. No. 10, (1995)].

Mutations in the mouse Fas/Apo-1 receptor or ligand genes (called *lpr* and *gld*, respectively) have been associated with some autoimmune disorders, indicating that Apo-1 ligand may play a role in regulating the clonal deletion of self-reactive lymphocytes in the periphery [Krammer et al., Curr. Op. Immunol., 6:279-289 (1994); Nagata et al., Science, 267:1449-1456 (1995)]. Apo-1 ligand is also reported to induce post-stimulation apoptosis in CD4-positive T lymphocytes and in B lymphocytes, and may be

involved in the elimination of activated lymphocytes when their function is no longer needed [Krammer et al., supra; Nagata et al., supra]. Agonist mouse monoclonal antibodies specifically binding to the Apo-1 receptor have been reported to exhibit cell killing 5 activity that is comparable to or similar to that of TNF- α [Yonehara et al., J. Exp. Med., 169:1747-1756 (1989)].

TNF Family of Receptors

Induction of various cellular responses mediated by such TNF family cytokines is believed to be initiated by their binding 10 to specific cell receptors. Two distinct TNF receptors of approximately 55-kDa (TNFR1) and 75-kDa (TNFR2) have been identified [Hohman et al., J. Biol. Chem., 264:14927-14934 (1989); Brockhaus et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 87:3127-3131 (1990); EP 417,563, published March 20, 1991] and human and mouse cDNAs 15 corresponding to both receptor types have been isolated and characterized [Loetscher et al., Cell, 61:351 (1990); Schall et al., Cell, 61:361 (1990); Smith et al., Science, 248:1019-1023 (1990); Lewis et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 88:2830-2834 (1991); Goodwin et al., Mol. Cell. Biol., 11:3020-3026 (1991)]. Extensive 20 polymorphisms have been associated with both TNF receptor genes [see, e.g., Takao et al., Immunogenetics, 37:199-203 (1993)]. Both TNFRs share the typical structure of cell surface receptors including extracellular, transmembrane and intracellular regions. The extracellular portions of both receptors are found naturally 25 also as soluble TNF-binding proteins [Nophar, Y. et al., EMBO J., 9:3269 (1990); and Kohno, T. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A., 87:8331 (1990)]. The cloning of recombinant soluble TNF receptors was reported by Hale et al. [J. Cell. Biochem. Supplement 15F, 1991, p. 113 (P424)].

30 The extracellular portion of type 1 and type 2 TNFRs (TNFR1 and TNFR2) contains a repetitive amino acid sequence pattern of four cysteine-rich domains (CRDs) designated 1 through 4, starting from the NH₂-terminus. Each CRD is about 40 amino acids long and contains 4 to 6 cysteine residues at positions which are 35 well conserved [Schall et al., supra; Loetscher et al., supra; Smith et al., supra; Nophar et al., supra; Kohno et al., supra]. In TNFR1, the approximate boundaries of the four CRDs are as follows: CRD1- amino acids 14 to about 53; CRD2- amino acids from

about 54 to about 97; CRD3- amino acids from about 98 to about 138; CRD4- amino acids from about 139 to about 167. In TNFR2, CRD1 includes amino acids 17 to about 54; CRD2- amino acids from about 55 to about 97; CRD3- amino acids from about 98 to about 140; and 5 CRD4- amino acids from about 141 to about 179 [Banner et al., Cell, 73:431-435 (1993)]. The potential role of the CRDs in ligand binding is also described by Banner et al., supra.

A similar repetitive pattern of CRDs exists in several other cell-surface proteins, including the p75 nerve growth factor receptor (NGFR) [Johnson et al., Cell, 47:545 (1986); Radeke et al., Nature, 325:593 (1987)], the B cell antigen CD40 [Stamenkovic et al., EMBO J., 8:1403 (1989)], the T cell antigen OX40 [Mallet et al., EMBO J., 9:1063 (1990)] and the Fas antigen [Yonehara et al., supra and Itoh et al., supra]. CRDs are also found in the soluble 10 TNFR (sTNFR)-like T2 proteins of the Shope and myxoma poxviruses [Upton et al., Virology, 160:20-29 (1987); Smith et al., Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun., 176:335 (1991); Upton et al., Virology, 184:370 (1991)]. Optimal alignment of these sequences indicates 15 that the positions of the cysteine residues are well conserved. These receptors are sometimes collectively referred to as members 20 of the TNF/NGF receptor superfamily. Recent studies on p75NGFR showed that the deletion of CRD1 [Welcher, A.A. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 88:159-163 (1991)] or a 5-amino acid insertion in 25 this domain [Yan, H. and Chao, M.V., J. Biol. Chem., 266:12099-12104 (1991)] had little or no effect on NGF binding [Yan, H. and Chao, M.V., supra]. p75 NGFR contains a proline-rich stretch of about 60 amino acids, between its CRD4 and transmembrane region, which is not involved in NGF binding [Peetre, C. et al., Eur. J. Hematol., 41:414-419 (1988); Seckinger, P. et al., J. Biol. Chem., 264:11966-11973 (1989); Yan, H. and Chao, M.V., supra]. A similar 30 proline-rich region is found in TNFR2 but not in TNFR1.

Itoh et al. disclose that the Apo-1 receptor can signal an apoptotic cell death similar to that signaled by the 55-kDa TNFR1 [Itoh et al., supra]. Expression of the Apo-1 antigen has 35 also been reported to be down-regulated along with that of TNFR1 when cells are treated with either TNF- α or anti-Apo-1 mouse monoclonal antibody [Krammer et al., supra; Nagata et al., supra]. Accordingly, some investigators have hypothesized that cell lines

that co-express both Apo-1 and TNFR1 receptors may mediate cell killing through common signaling pathways [Id.].

The TNF family ligands identified to date, with the exception of lymphotoxin- α , are type II transmembrane proteins, whose C-terminus is extracellular. In contrast, the receptors in the TNF receptor (TNFR) family identified to date are type I transmembrane proteins. In both the TNF ligand and receptor families, however, homology identified between family members has been found mainly in the extracellular domain ("ECD"). Several of the TNF family cytokines, including TNF- α , Apo-1 ligand and CD40 ligand, are cleaved proteolytically at the cell surface; the resulting protein in each case typically forms a homotrimeric molecule that functions as a soluble cytokine. TNF receptor family proteins are also usually cleaved proteolytically to release soluble receptor ECDs that can function as inhibitors of the cognate cytokines.

Recently, other members of the mammalian TNFR family have been identified. In Marsters et al., Curr. Biol., 6:750 (1996), investigators describe a full length native sequence human polypeptide, called Apo-3, which exhibits similarity to the TNFR family in its extracellular cysteine-rich repeats and resembles TNFR1 and CD95 in that it contains a cytoplasmic death domain sequence [see also Marsters et al., Curr. Biol., 6:1669 (1996)]. Apo-3 has also been referred to by other investigators as DR3, wsl-1 and TRAMP [Chinnaiyan et al., Science, 274:990 (1996); Kitson et al., Nature, 384:372 (1996); Bodmer et al., Immunity, 6:79 (1997)].

Pan et al. have disclosed another TNF receptor family member referred to as "DR4" [Pan et al., Science, 276:111-113 (1997)]. The DR4 was reported to contain a cytoplasmic death domain capable of engaging the cell suicide apparatus. Pan et al. disclose that DR4 is believed to be a receptor for the ligand known as Apo-2 ligand or TRAIL.

The Apoptosis-Inducing Signaling Complex

As presently understood, the cell death program contains at least three important elements - activators, inhibitors, and effectors; in *C. elegans*, these elements are encoded respectively by three genes, *Ced-4*, *Ced-9* and *Ced-3* [Steller, Science, 267:1445 (1995); Chinnaiyan et al., Science, 275:1122-1126 (1997)]. Two of

the TNFR family members, TNFR1 and Fas/Apo1 (CD95), can activate apoptotic cell death [Chinnaiyan and Dixit, Current Biology, 6:555-562 (1996); Fraser and Evan, Cell; 85:781-784 (1996)]. TNFR1 is also known to mediate activation of the transcription factor, NF- κ B [Tartaglia et al., Cell, 74:845-853 (1993); Hsu et al., Cell, 84:299-308 (1996)]. In addition to some ECD homology, these two receptors share homology in their intracellular domain (ICD) in an oligomerization interface known as the death domain [Tartaglia et al., supra; Nagata, Cell, 88:355 (1997)]. Death domains are also found in several metazoan proteins that regulate apoptosis, namely, the Drosophila protein, Reaper, and the mammalian proteins referred to as FADD/MORT1, TRADD, and RIP [Cleaveland and Ihle, Cell, 81:479-482 (1995)]. Using the yeast-two hybrid system, Raven et al. report the identification of protein, wsl-1, which binds to the TNFR1 death domain [Raven et al., Programmed Cell Death Meeting, September 20-24, 1995, Abstract at page 127; Raven et al., European Cytokine Network, 7:Abstr. 82 at page 210 (April-June 1996)]. The wsl-1 protein is described as being homologous to TNFR1 (48% identity) and having a restricted tissue distribution. According to Raven et al., the tissue distribution of wsl-1 is significantly different from the TNFR1 binding protein, TRADD.

Upon ligand binding and receptor clustering, TNFR1 and CD95 are believed to recruit FADD into a death-inducing signalling complex. CD95 purportedly binds FADD directly, while TNFR1 binds FADD indirectly via TRADD [Chinnaiyan et al., Cell, 81:505-512 (1995); Boldin et al., J. Biol. Chem., 270:387-391 (1995); Hsu et al., supra; Chinnaiyan et al., J. Biol. Chem., 271:4961-4965 (1996)]. It has been reported that FADD serves as an adaptor protein which recruits the Ced-3-related protease, MACH α /FLICE (caspase 8), into the death signalling complex [Boldin et al., Cell, 85:803-815 (1996); Muzio et al., Cell, 85:817-827 (1996)]. MACH α /FLICE appears to be the trigger that sets off a cascade of apoptotic proteases, including the interleukin-1 β converting enzyme (ICE) and CPP32/Yama, which may execute some critical aspects of the cell death programme [Fraser and Evan, supra].

It was recently disclosed that programmed cell death involves the activity of members of a family of cysteine proteases related to the *C. elegans* cell death gene, ced-3, and to the

mammalian IL-1-converting enzyme, ICE. The activity of the ICE and CPP32/Yama proteases can be inhibited by the product of the cowpox virus gene, *crmA* [Ray et al., *Cell*, 69:597-604 (1992); Tewari et al., *Cell*, 81:801-809 (1995)]. Recent studies show that CrmA can 5 inhibit TNFR1- and CD95-induced cell death [Enari et al., *Nature*, 375:78-81 (1995); Tewari et al., *J. Biol. Chem.*, 270:3255-3260 (1995)].

As reviewed recently by Tewari et al., TNFR1, TNFR2 and CD40 modulate the expression of proinflammatory and costimulatory 10 cytokines, cytokine receptors, and cell adhesion molecules through activation of the transcription factor, NF- κ B [Tewari et al., *Curr. Op. Genet. Develop.*, 6:39-44 (1996)]. NF- κ B is the prototype of a family of dimeric transcription factors whose subunits contain conserved Rel regions [Verma et al., *Genes Develop.*, 9:2723-2735 15 (1996); Baldwin, *Ann. Rev. Immunol.*, 14:649-681 (1996)]. In its latent form, NF- κ B is complexed with members of the I κ B inhibitor family; upon inactivation of the I κ B in response to certain stimuli, released NF- κ B translocates to the nucleus where it binds to specific DNA sequences and activates gene transcription.

20 For a review of the TNF family of cytokines and their receptors, see Gruss and Dower, *supra*.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Applicants have identified cDNA clones that encode novel polypeptides, designated in the present application as "Apo-2." It 25 is believed that Apo-2 is a member of the TNFR family; full-length native sequence human Apo-2 polypeptide exhibits some similarities to some known TNFRs, including a cytoplasmic death domain region. Full-length native sequence human Apo-2 also exhibits similarity to the TNFR family in its extracellular cysteine-rich repeats. Apo-2 30 polypeptide has been found to be capable of triggering caspase-dependent apoptosis and activating NF- κ B. Applicants surprisingly found that a soluble extracellular domain of Apo-2 binds Apo-2 ligand ("Apo-2L") and can inhibit Apo-2 ligand function. It is presently believed that Apo-2 ligand can signal via at least two 35 different receptors, DR4 and the newly described Apo-2 herein.

In one embodiment, the invention provides isolated Apo-2 polypeptide. In particular, the invention provides isolated native

sequence Apo-2 polypeptide, which in one embodiment, includes an amino acid sequence comprising residues 1 to 411 of Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1). In other embodiments, the isolated Apo-2 polypeptide comprises at least about 80% amino acid sequence identity with native sequence Apo-2 polypeptide comprising residues 1 to 411 of Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1). Optionally, the Apo-2 polypeptide is obtained or obtainable by expressing the polypeptide encoded by the cDNA insert of the vector deposited as ATCC 209021.

In another embodiment, the invention provides an isolated extracellular domain (ECD) sequence of Apo-2. Optionally, the isolated extracellular domain sequence comprises amino acid residues 54 to 182 of Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1).

In another embodiment, the invention provides an isolated death domain sequence of Apo-2. Optionally, the isolated death domain sequence comprises amino acid residues 324 to 391 of Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1).

In another embodiment, the invention provides chimeric molecules comprising Apo-2 polypeptide fused to a heterologous polypeptide or amino acid sequence. An example of such a chimeric molecule comprises an Apo-2 fused to an immunoglobulin sequence. Another example comprises an extracellular domain sequence of Apo-2 fused to a heterologous polypeptide or amino acid sequence, such as an immunoglobulin sequence.

In another embodiment, the invention provides an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding Apo-2 polypeptide. In one aspect, the nucleic acid molecule is RNA or DNA that encodes an Apo-2 polypeptide or a particular domain of Apo-2, or is complementary to such encoding nucleic acid sequence, and remains stably bound to it under at least moderate, and optionally, under high stringency conditions. Such complementary nucleic acid may be fully complementary to the entire length of the RNA or DNA. It is contemplated that the complementary nucleic acid may also be complementary to only a fragment of the RNA or DNA nucleotide sequence. In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence is selected from:

(a) the coding region of the nucleic acid sequence of Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:2) that codes for residue 1 to residue 411 (i.e., nucleotides 140-142 through 1370-1372), inclusive;

(b) the coding region of the nucleic acid sequence of Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:2) that codes for residue 1 to residue 182 (i.e., nucleotides 140-142 through 683-685), inclusive;

5 (c) the coding region of the nucleic acid sequence of Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:2) that codes for residue 54 to residue 182 (i.e., nucleotides 299-301 through 683-685), inclusive;

(d) the coding region of the nucleic acid sequence of Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:2) that codes for residue 324 to residue 391 (i.e., nucleotides 1109-1111 through 1310-1312), inclusive; or

10 (e) a sequence corresponding to the sequence of (a), (b), (c) or (d) within the scope of degeneracy of the genetic code. The isolated nucleic acid may comprise the Apo-2 polypeptide cDNA insert of the vector deposited as ATCC 209021 which includes the nucleotide sequence encoding Apo-2 polypeptide.

15 In a further embodiment, the invention provides a vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule encoding the Apo-2 polypeptide or particular domain of Apo-2. A host cell comprising the vector or the nucleic acid molecule is also provided. A method of producing Apo-2 is further provided.

20 In another embodiment, the invention provides an antibody which specifically binds to Apo-2. The antibody may be an agonistic, antagonistic or neutralizing antibody. Single-chain antibodies and dimeric molecules, in particular homodimeric molecules, comprising Apo-2 antibody are also provided.

25 In another embodiment, the invention provides non-human, transgenic or knock-out animals.

A further embodiment of the invention provides articles of manufacture and kits that include Apo-2 or Apo-2 antibodies.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

30 Figure 1 shows the nucleotide sequence of a native sequence human Apo-2 cDNA (SEQ ID NO:2) and its derived amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:1).

Figure 2A shows the derived amino acid sequence of a native sequence human Apo-2 - the putative signal sequence is underlined, the putative transmembrane domain is boxed, and the putative death domain sequence is dash underlined. The cysteines of the two cysteine-rich domains are individually underlined.

Figure 2B shows an alignment and comparison of the death domain sequences of native sequence human Apo-2, DR4, Apo-3/DR3, TNFR1, and Fas/Apo-1 (CD95). Asterisks indicate residues that are essential for death signaling by TNFR1 [Tartaglia et al., supra].

5 Figure 3 shows the interaction of the Apo-2 ECD with Apo-2L. Supernatants from mock-transfected 293 cells or from 293 cells transfected with Flag epitope-tagged Apo-2 ECD were incubated with poly-His-tagged Apo-2L and subjected to immunoprecipitation with anti-Flag conjugated or Nickel conjugated agarose beads. The 10 precipitated proteins were resolved by electrophoresis on polyacrylamide gels, and detected by immunoblot with anti-Apo-2L or anti-Flag antibody.

15 Figure 4 shows the induction of apoptosis by Apo-2 and inhibition of Apo-2L activity by soluble Apo-2 ECD. Human 293 cells (A, B) or HeLa cells (C) were transfected by pRK5 vector or by pRK5-based plasmids encoding Apo-2 and/or CrmA. Apoptosis was assessed by morphology (A), DNA fragmentation (B), or by FACS (C-E). Soluble Apo-2L was pre-incubated with buffer or affinity-purified Apo-2 ECD together with anti-Flag antibody or Apo-2 ECD 20 immunoadhesin or DR4 or TNFR1 immunoadhesins and added to HeLa cells. The cells were later analyzed for apoptosis (D). Dose-response analysis using Apo-2L with Apo-2 ECD immunoadhesin was also determined (E).

25 Figure 5 shows activation of NF- κ B by Apo-2, DR4, and Apo-2L. (A) HeLa cells were transfected with expression plasmids encoding the indicated proteins. Nuclear extracts were prepared and analyzed by an electrophoretic mobility shift assay. (B) HeLa cells or MCF7 cells were treated with buffer, Apo-2L or TNF-alpha and assayed for NF- κ B activity. (C) HeLa cells were preincubated 30 with buffer, ALLN or cyclohexamide before addition of Apo-2L. Apoptosis was later analyzed by FACS.

Figure 6A shows expression of Apo-2 mRNA in human tissues as analyzed by Northern hybridization of human tissue poly A RNA blots.

35 Figure 6B shows expression of Apo-2 mRNA in human cancer cell lines as analyzed by Northern hybridization of human cancer cell line poly A RNA blots.

Figure 7 shows the FACS analysis of an Apo-2 antibody, 3F11.39.7 (illustrated by the bold lines) as compared to IgG controls (dotted lines). The 3F11.39.7 antibody recognized the Apo-2 receptor expressed in human 9D cells.

5 Figure 8 is a graph showing percent (%) apoptosis induced in 9D cells by Apo-2 antibody 3F11.39.7, in the absence of goat anti-mouse IgG Fc.

10 Figure 9 is a bar diagram showing percent (%) apoptosis, as compared to Apo-2L, in 9D cells by Apo-2 antibody 3F11.39.7 in the presence or absence of goat anti-mouse IgG Fc.

Figure 10 is a bar diagram illustrating the ability of Apo-2 antibody 3F11.39.7 to block the apoptosis induced by Apo-2L in 9D cells.

15 Figure 11 is a graph showing results of an ELISA testing binding of Apo-2 antibody 3F11.39.7 to Apo-2 and to other known Apo-2L receptors referred to as DR4, DcR1, and DcR2.

20 Figure 12A is a graph showing the results of an ELISA assay evaluating binding of the 16E2 antibody to Apo-2, DR4, DcR1, DcR2 and CD4-Ig.

Figure 12B is a graph showing the results of an ELISA assay evaluating binding of the 20E6 antibody to Apo-2, DR4, DcR1, DcR2 and CD4-Ig.

25 Figure 12C is a graph showing the results of an ELISA assay evaluating binding of the 24C4 antibody to Apo-2, DR4, DcR1, DcR2 and CD4-Ig.

Figure 13A is a graph showing agonistic activity of the 16E2 antibody, as compared to Apo-2L, in an apoptosis assay (crystal violet stain) using SK-MES-1 cells.

30 Figure 13B is a bar diagram showing agonistic activity of the 16E2 antibody, as compared to 7D5 scFv antibody (an anti-tissue factor antibody), in an apoptosis assay (crystal violet stain) using SK-MES-1 cells.

35 Figure 13C is a bar diagram showing agonistic activity of the 16E2 antibody, as compared to 7D5 scFv antibody, in an apoptosis assay (annexin V-biotin/streptavidin-[S³⁵]) using SK-MES-1 cells.

Figure 14A is a graph showing agonistic activity of the 20E6 antibody, as compared to Apo-2L, in an apoptosis assay (crystal violet stain) using SK-MES-1 cells.

5 Figure 14B is a graph showing agonistic activity of the 20E6 antibody by a comparison between results obtained in the crystal violet and annexin V-biotin/streptavidin-[S³⁵] apoptosis assays.

10 Figure 14C is a graph showing agonistic activity of gD-tagged 16E2 antibody, as compared to Apo-2L, in an apoptosis assay (crystal violet stain) using SK-MES-1 cells

15 Figure 15A shows the nucleotide sequence of the single chain antibody (scFv) fragment referred to as 16E2 (SEQ ID NO:6).

Figure 15B shows the nucleotide sequence of the single chain antibody (scFv) fragment referred to as 20E6 (SEQ ID NO:7).

20 Figure 15C shows the nucleotide sequence of the single chain antibody (scFv) fragment referred to as 24C4 (SEQ ID NO:8).

25 Figure 16 shows the single chain antibody (scFv) fragments referred to as 16E2, 20E6 and 24C4, with the respective amino acid sequences for the signal sequence and the heavy and 30 light chain CDR regions identified (CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3 regions are underlined).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

I. Definitions

25 The terms "Apo-2 polypeptide" and "Apo-2" when used herein encompass native sequence Apo-2 and Apo-2 variants (which are further defined herein). These terms encompass Apo-2 from a variety of mammals, including humans. The Apo-2 may be isolated from a variety of sources, such as from human tissue types or from another source, or prepared by recombinant or synthetic methods.

30 A "native sequence Apo-2" comprises a polypeptide having the same amino acid sequence as an Apo-2 derived from nature. Thus, a native sequence Apo-2 can have the amino acid sequence of naturally-occurring Apo-2 from any mammal. Such native sequence Apo-2 can be isolated from nature or can be produced by recombinant 35 or synthetic means. The term "native sequence Apo-2" specifically encompasses naturally-occurring truncated or secreted forms of the Apo-2 (e.g., an extracellular domain sequence), naturally-occurring variant forms (e.g., alternatively spliced forms) and naturally-

occurring allelic variants of the Apo-2. A naturally-occurring variant form of the Apo-2 includes an Apo-2 having an amino acid substitution at residue 410 in the amino acid sequence shown in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1). In one embodiment of such naturally-
5 occurring variant form, the leucine residue at position 410 is substituted by a methionine residue. In Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1), the amino acid residue at position 410 is identified as "Xaa" to indicate that the amino acid may, optionally, be either leucine or methionine. In Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:2), the nucleotide at position
10 1367 is identified as "W" to indicate that the nucleotide may be either adenine (A) or thymine (T) or uracil (U). In one embodiment of the invention, the native sequence Apo-2 is a mature or full-length native sequence Apo-2 comprising amino acids 1 to 411 of Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1). Optionally, the Apo-2 is obtained or
15 obtainable by expressing the polypeptide encoded by the cDNA insert of the vector deposited as ATCC 209021.

The "Apo-2 extracellular domain" or "Apo-2 ECD" refers to a form of Apo-2 which is essentially free of the transmembrane and cytoplasmic domains of Apo-2. Ordinarily, Apo-2 ECD will have less than 1% of such transmembrane and/or cytoplasmic domains and preferably, will have less than 0.5% of such domains. Optionally, Apo-2 ECD will comprise amino acid residues 54 to 182 of Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1) or amino acid residues 1 to 182 of Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1). Optionally, Apo-2 ECD will comprise one or more cysteine-rich domains, and preferably, one or both of the cysteine-rich domains identified herein (see Figure 2A). It will be understood by the skilled artisan that the transmembrane domain identified for the Apo-2 polypeptide herein is identified pursuant to criteria routinely employed in the art for identifying that type of hydrophobic domain. The exact boundaries of a transmembrane domain may vary but most likely by no more than about 5 amino acids at either end of the domain specifically mentioned herein.

"Apo-2 variant" means a biologically active Apo-2 as defined below having at least about 80% amino acid sequence identity with the Apo-2 having the deduced amino acid sequence shown in Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1) for a full-length native sequence human Apo-2 or the sequences identified herein for Apo-2 ECD or death domain. Such Apo-2 variants include, for instance, Apo-2

polypeptides wherein one or more amino acid residues are added, or deleted, at the N- or C-terminus of the sequence of Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1) or the sequences identified herein for Apo-2 ECD or death domain. Ordinarily, an Apo-2 variant will have at least about 80% 5 amino acid sequence identity, more preferably at least about 90% amino acid sequence identity, and even more preferably at least about 95% amino acid sequence identity with the amino acid sequence of Fig. 1 (SEQ ID NO:1) or the sequences identified herein for Apo-2 ECD or death domain.

10 "Percent (%) amino acid sequence identity" with respect to the Apo-2 sequences identified herein is defined as the percentage of amino acid residues in a candidate sequence that are identical with the amino acid residues in the Apo-2 sequence, after aligning the sequences and introducing gaps, if necessary, to 15 achieve the maximum percent sequence identity, and not considering any conservative substitutions as part of the sequence identity. Alignment for purposes of determining percent amino acid sequence identity can be achieved in various ways that are within the skill in the art, for instance, using publicly available computer 20 software such as ALIGN™ or Megalign (DNASTAR) software. Those skilled in the art can determine appropriate parameters for measuring alignment, including any algorithms needed to achieve maximal alignment over the full length of the sequences being compared.

25 The term "epitope tagged" when used herein refers to a chimeric polypeptide comprising Apo-2 or Apo-2 antibody, or a domain sequence thereof, fused to a "tag polypeptide". The tag polypeptide has enough residues to provide an epitope against which an antibody can be made, yet is short enough such that it does not 30 interfere with activity of the Apo-2 or Apo-2 antibody. The tag polypeptide preferably also is fairly unique so that the antibody does not substantially cross-react with other epitopes. Suitable tag polypeptides generally have at least six amino acid residues and usually between about 8 to about 50 amino acid residues 35 (preferably, between about 10 to about 20 residues).

"Isolated," when used to describe the various polypeptides disclosed herein, means polypeptide that has been identified and separated and/or recovered from a component of its

natural environment. Contaminant components of its natural environment are materials that would typically interfere with diagnostic or therapeutic uses for the polypeptide, and may include enzymes, hormones, and other proteinaceous or non-proteinaceous solutes. In preferred embodiments, the polypeptide will be purified (1) to a degree sufficient to obtain at least 15 residues of N-terminal or internal amino acid sequence by use of a spinning cup sequenator, or (2) to homogeneity by SDS-PAGE under non-reducing or reducing conditions using Coomassie blue or, preferably, silver stain. Isolated polypeptide includes polypeptide *in situ* within recombinant cells, since at least one component of the Apo-2 natural environment will not be present. Ordinarily, however, isolated polypeptide will be prepared by at least one purification step.

An "isolated" Apo-2 nucleic acid molecule is a nucleic acid molecule that is identified and separated from at least one contaminant nucleic acid molecule with which it is ordinarily associated in the natural source of the Apo-2 nucleic acid. An isolated Apo-2 nucleic acid molecule is other than in the form or setting in which it is found in nature. Isolated Apo-2 nucleic acid molecules therefore are distinguished from the Apo-2 nucleic acid molecule as it exists in natural cells. However, an isolated Apo-2 nucleic acid molecule includes Apo-2 nucleic acid molecules contained in cells that ordinarily express Apo-2 where, for example, the nucleic acid molecule is in a chromosomal location different from that of natural cells.

The term "control sequences" refers to DNA sequences necessary for the expression of an operably linked coding sequence in a particular host organism. The control sequences that are suitable for prokaryotes, for example, include a promoter, optionally an operator sequence, and a ribosome binding site. Eukaryotic cells are known to utilize promoters, polyadenylation signals, and enhancers.

Nucleic acid is "operably linked" when it is placed into a functional relationship with another nucleic acid sequence. For example, DNA for a presequence or secretory leader is operably linked to DNA for a polypeptide if it is expressed as a preprotein that participates in the secretion of the polypeptide; a promoter

or enhancer is operably linked to a coding sequence if it affects the transcription of the sequence; or a ribosome binding site is operably linked to a coding sequence if it is positioned so as to facilitate translation. Generally, "operably linked" means that 5 the DNA sequences being linked are contiguous, and, in the case of a secretory leader, contiguous and in reading phase. However, enhancers do not have to be contiguous. Linking is accomplished by ligation at convenient restriction sites. If such sites do not exist, the synthetic oligonucleotide adaptors or linkers are used 10 in accordance with conventional practice.

The term "antibody" is used in the broadest sense and specifically covers anti-Apo-2 monoclonal antibodies (including agonist, antagonist, and blocking or neutralizing antibodies) and anti-Apo-2 antibody compositions with polyepitopic specificity.

15 The term "monoclonal antibody" as used herein refers to an antibody obtained from a population of substantially homogeneous antibodies, i.e., the individual antibodies comprising the population are identical except for possible naturally-occurring mutations that may be present in minor amounts. Monoclonal 20 antibodies are highly specific, being directed against a single antigenic site. Furthermore, in contrast to conventional (polyclonal) antibody preparations which typically include different antibodies directed against different determinants (epitopes), each monoclonal antibody is directed against a single 25 determinant on the antigen.

The monoclonal antibodies herein include hybrid and recombinant antibodies produced by splicing a variable (including hypervariable) domain of an anti-Apo-2 antibody with a constant domain, or a light chain with a heavy chain, or a chain from one 30 species with a chain from another species, or fusions with heterologous proteins, regardless of species of origin or immunoglobulin class or subclass designation, as well as antibody fragments (e.g., Fab, F(ab')₂, and Fv), so long as they exhibit the desired biological activity. See, e.g. U.S. Pat. No. 4,816,567 and 35 Mage et al., in Monoclonal Antibody Production Techniques and Applications, pp.79-97 (Marcel Dekker, Inc.: New York, 1987).

Thus, the modifier "monoclonal" indicates the character of the antibody as being obtained from a substantially homogeneous

population of antibodies, and is not to be construed as requiring production of the antibody by any particular method. For example, the monoclonal antibodies to be used in accordance with the present invention may be made by the hybridoma method first described by 5 Kohler and Milstein, Nature, 256:495 (1975), or may be made by recombinant DNA methods such as described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,816,567. The "monoclonal antibodies" may also be isolated from phage libraries generated using the techniques described in McCafferty et al., Nature, 348:552-554 (1990), for example.

10 "Single-chain Fv" or "scFv" antibody fragments comprise the V_H and V_L domains of antibody, wherein these domains are present in a single polypeptide chain. Generally, the Fv polypeptide further comprises a polypeptide linker between the V_H and V_L domains which enables the scFv to form the desired 15 structure for antigen binding. For a review of scFv see, e.g., Pluckthun, The Pharmacology of Monoclonal Antibodies, vol. 113, Rosenberg and Moore eds. Springer-Verlag, New York, pp. 269-315 (1994). The scFv antibody fragments of the present invention include but are not limited to the 16E2, 20E6 and 24C4 antibodies 20 described in detail below. Within the scope of the scFv antibodies of the invention are scFv antibodies comprising VH and VL domains that include one or more of the CDR regions identified for the 16E2, 20E6 and 24C4 antibodies.

"Humanized" forms of non-human (e.g. murine) antibodies 25 are specific chimeric immunoglobulins, immunoglobulin chains, or fragments thereof (such as Fv, Fab, Fab', F(ab')₂ or other antigen-binding subsequences of antibodies) which contain minimal sequence derived from non-human immunoglobulin. For the most part, humanized antibodies are human immunoglobulins (recipient antibody) 30 in which residues from a complementary determining region (CDR) of the recipient are replaced by residues from a CDR of a non-human species (donor antibody) such as mouse, rat, or rabbit having the desired specificity, affinity, and capacity. In some instances, Fv framework region (FR) residues of the human immunoglobulin are 35 replaced by corresponding non-human residues. Furthermore, the humanized antibody may comprise residues which are found neither in the recipient antibody nor in the imported CDR or framework sequences. These modifications are made to further refine and

optimize antibody performance. In general, the humanized antibody will comprise substantially all of at least one, and typically two, variable domains, in which all or substantially all of the CDR regions correspond to those of a non-human immunoglobulin and all 5 or substantially all of the FR regions are those of a human immunoglobulin consensus sequence. The humanized antibody optimally also will comprise at least a portion of an immunoglobulin constant region or domain (Fc), typically that of a human immunoglobulin.

10 "Biologically active" and "desired biological activity" for the purposes herein means (1) having the ability to modulate apoptosis (either in an agonistic or stimulating manner or in an antagonistic or blocking manner) in at least one type of mammalian cell *in vivo* or *ex vivo*; (2) having the ability to bind Apo-2 15 ligand; or (3) having the ability to modulate Apo-2 ligand signaling and Apo-2 ligand activity.

20 The terms "apoptosis" and "apoptotic activity" are used in a broad sense and refer to the orderly or controlled form of cell death in mammals that is typically accompanied by one or more characteristic cell changes, including condensation of cytoplasm, loss of plasma membrane microvilli, segmentation of the nucleus, degradation of chromosomal DNA or loss of mitochondrial function. This activity can be determined and measured, for instance, by cell 25 viability assays, FACS analysis or DNA electrophoresis, all of which are known in the art.

The terms "treating," "treatment," and "therapy" as used herein refer to curative therapy, prophylactic therapy, and preventative therapy.

30 The terms "cancer" and "cancerous" refer to or describe the physiological condition in mammals that is typically characterized by unregulated cell growth. Examples of cancer include but are not limited to, carcinoma, lymphoma, blastoma, sarcoma, and leukemia. More particular examples of such cancers 35 include squamous cell cancer, small-cell lung cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, blastoma, gastrointestinal cancer, renal cancer, pancreatic cancer, glioblastoma, neuroblastoma, cervical cancer, ovarian cancer, liver cancer, stomach cancer, bladder cancer, hepatoma, breast cancer, colon cancer, colorectal cancer,

endometrial carcinoma, salivary gland carcinoma, kidney cancer, liver cancer, prostate cancer, vulval cancer, thyroid cancer, hepatic carcinoma and various types of head and neck cancer.

The term "mammal" as used herein refers to any mammal 5 classified as a mammal, including humans, cows, horses, dogs and cats. In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the mammal is a human.

II. Compositions and Methods of the Invention

The present invention provides newly identified and 10 isolated Apo-2 polypeptides and Apo-2 antibodies. In particular, Applicants have identified and isolated various human Apo-2 polypeptides. The properties and characteristics of some of these Apo-2 polypeptides and anti-Apo-2 antibodies are described in further detail in the Examples below. Based upon the properties 15 and characteristics of the Apo-2 polypeptides disclosed herein, it is Applicants' present belief that Apo-2 is a member of the TNFR family.

A description follows as to how Apo-2, as well as Apo-2 chimeric molecules and anti-Apo-2 antibodies, may be prepared.

20 A. Preparation of Apo-2

The description below relates primarily to production of Apo-2 by culturing cells transformed or transfected with a vector containing Apo-2 nucleic acid. It is of course, contemplated that alternative methods, which are well known in the art, may be 25 employed to prepare Apo-2.

1. Isolation of DNA Encoding Apo-2

The DNA encoding Apo-2 may be obtained from any cDNA library prepared from tissue believed to possess the Apo-2 mRNA and to express it at a detectable level. Accordingly, human Apo-2 DNA 30 can be conveniently obtained from a cDNA library prepared from human tissues, such as the bacteriophage libraries of human pancreas and kidney cDNA described in Example 1. The Apo-2-encoding gene may also be obtained from a genomic library or by oligonucleotide synthesis.

35 Libraries can be screened with probes (such as antibodies to the Apo-2 or oligonucleotides of at least about 20-80 bases) designed to identify the gene of interest or the protein encoded by it. Screening the cDNA or genomic library with the

selected probe may be conducted using standard procedures, such as described in Sambrook et al., Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual (New York: Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 1989). An alternative means to isolate the gene encoding Apo-2 is to use PCR methodology [Sambrook et al., supra; Dieffenbach et al., PCR Primer: A Laboratory Manual (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 1995)].

A preferred method of screening employs selected oligonucleotide sequences to screen cDNA libraries from various 10 human tissues. Example 1 below describes techniques for screening a cDNA library. The oligonucleotide sequences selected as probes should be of sufficient length and sufficiently unambiguous that false positives are minimized. The oligonucleotide is preferably labeled such that it can be detected upon hybridization to DNA in 15 the library being screened. Methods of labeling are well known in the art, and include the use of radiolabels like ^{32}P -labeled ATP, biotinylation or enzyme labeling. Hybridization conditions, including moderate stringency and high stringency, are provided in 20 Sambrook et al., supra.

Nucleic acid having all the protein coding sequence may 25 be obtained by screening selected cDNA or genomic libraries using the deduced amino acid sequence disclosed herein for the first time, and, if necessary, using conventional primer extension procedures as described in Sambrook et al., supra, to detect precursors and processing intermediates of mRNA that may not have been reverse-transcribed into cDNA.

Apo-2 variants can be prepared by introducing appropriate nucleotide changes into the Apo-2 DNA, or by synthesis 30 of the desired Apo-2 polypeptide. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that amino acid changes may alter post-translational processes of the Apo-2, such as changing the number or position of glycosylation sites or altering the membrane anchoring characteristics.

Variations in the native full-length sequence Apo-2 or 35 in various domains of the Apo-2 described herein, can be made, for example, using any of the techniques and guidelines for conservative and non-conservative mutations set forth, for instance, in U.S. Pat. No. 5,364,934. Variations may be a

substitution, deletion or insertion of one or more codons encoding the Apo-2 that results in a change in the amino acid sequence of the Apo-2 as compared with the native sequence Apo-2. Optionally the variation is by substitution of at least one amino acid with 5 any other amino acid in one or more of the domains of the Apo-2 molecule. The variations can be made using methods known in the art such as oligonucleotide-mediated (site-directed) mutagenesis, alanine scanning, and PCR mutagenesis. Site-directed mutagenesis [Carter et al., Nucl. Acids Res., 13:4331 (1986); Zoller et al., 10 Nucl. Acids Res., 10:6487 (1987)], cassette mutagenesis [Wells et al., Gene, 34:315 (1985)], restriction selection mutagenesis [Wells et al., Philos. Trans. R. Soc. London SerA, 317:415 (1986)] or other known techniques can be performed on the cloned DNA to produce the Apo-2 variant DNA.

15 Scanning amino acid analysis can also be employed to identify one or more amino acids along a contiguous sequence which are involved in the interaction with a particular ligand or receptor. Among the preferred scanning amino acids are relatively small, neutral amino acids. Such amino acids include alanine, 20 glycine, serine, and cysteine. Alanine is the preferred scanning amino acid among this group because it eliminates the side-chain beyond the beta-carbon and is less likely to alter the main-chain conformation of the variant. Alanine is also preferred because it is the most common amino acid. Further, it is frequently found in 25 both buried and exposed positions [Creighton, The Proteins, (W.H. Freeman & Co., N.Y.); Chothia, J. Mol. Biol., 150:1 (1976)]. If alanine substitution does not yield adequate amounts of variant, an isoteric amino acid can be used.

Once selected Apo-2 variants are produced, they can be 30 contacted with, for instance, Apo-2L, and the interaction, if any, can be determined. The interaction between the Apo-2 variant and Apo-2L can be measured by an *in vitro* assay, such as described in the Examples below. While any number of analytical measurements can be used to compare activities and properties between a native 35 sequence Apo-2 and an Apo-2 variant, a convenient one for binding is the dissociation constant K_d of the complex formed between the Apo-2 variant and Apo-2L as compared to the K_d for the native sequence Apo-2. Generally, a \geq 3-fold increase or decrease in K_d

per substituted residue indicates that the substituted residue(s) is active in the interaction of the native sequence Apo-2 with the Apo-2L.

5 Optionally, representative sites in the Apo-2 sequence suitable for mutagenesis would include sites within the extracellular domain, and particularly, within one or both of the cysteine-rich domains. Such variations can be accomplished using the methods described above.

10 2. Insertion of Nucleic Acid into A Replicable Vector

The nucleic acid (e.g., cDNA or genomic DNA) encoding Apo-2 may be inserted into a replicable vector for further cloning (amplification of the DNA) or for expression. Various vectors are publicly available. The vector components generally include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following: a signal 15 sequence, an origin of replication, one or more marker genes, an enhancer element, a promoter, and a transcription termination sequence, each of which is described below.

(i) Signal Sequence Component

The Apo-2 may be produced recombinantly not only 20 directly, but also as a fusion polypeptide with a heterologous polypeptide, which may be a signal sequence or other polypeptide having a specific cleavage site at the N-terminus of the mature protein or polypeptide. In general, the signal sequence may be a component of the vector, or it may be a part of the Apo-2 DNA that 25 is inserted into the vector. The heterologous signal sequence selected preferably is one that is recognized and processed (i.e., cleaved by a signal peptidase) by the host cell. The signal sequence may be a prokaryotic signal sequence selected, for example, from the group of the alkaline phosphatase, penicillinase, 30 lpp, or heat-stable enterotoxin II leaders. For yeast secretion the signal sequence may be, e.g., the yeast invertase leader, alpha factor leader (including *Saccharomyces* and *Kluyveromyces* α -factor leaders, the latter described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,010,182), or acid phosphatase leader, the *C. albicans* glucoamylase leader (EP 362,179 35 published 4 April 1990), or the signal described in WO 90/13646 published 15 November 1990. In mammalian cell expression the native Apo-2 presequence that normally directs insertion of Apo-2 in the cell membrane of human cells *in vivo* is satisfactory,

although other mammalian signal sequences may be used to direct secretion of the protein, such as signal sequences from secreted polypeptides of the same or related species, as well as viral secretory leaders, for example, the herpes simplex glycoprotein D 5 signal.

The DNA for such precursor region is preferably ligated in reading frame to DNA encoding Apo-2.

(ii) Origin of Replication Component

Both expression and cloning vectors contain a nucleic acid sequence that enables the vector to replicate in one or more selected host cells. Generally, in cloning vectors this sequence is one that enables the vector to replicate independently of the host chromosomal DNA, and includes origins of replication or autonomously replicating sequences. Such sequences are well known for a variety of bacteria, yeast, and viruses. The origin of replication from the plasmid pBR322 is suitable for most Gram-negative bacteria, the 2 μ plasmid origin is suitable for yeast, and various viral origins (SV40, polyoma, adenovirus, VSV or BPV) are useful for cloning vectors in mammalian cells. Generally, the origin of replication component is not needed for mammalian expression vectors (the SV40 origin may typically be used because it contains the early promoter).

Most expression vectors are "shuttle" vectors, i.e., they are capable of replication in at least one class of organisms but can be transfected into another organism for expression. For example, a vector is cloned in *E. coli* and then the same vector is transfected into yeast or mammalian cells for expression even though it is not capable of replicating independently of the host cell chromosome.

DNA may also be amplified by insertion into the host genome. This is readily accomplished using *Bacillus* species as hosts, for example, by including in the vector a DNA sequence that is complementary to a sequence found in *Bacillus* genomic DNA. Transfection of *Bacillus* with this vector results in homologous recombination with the genome and insertion of Apo-2 DNA. However, the recovery of genomic DNA encoding Apo-2 is more complex than that of an exogenously replicated vector because restriction enzyme digestion is required to excise the Apo-2 DNA.

(iii) Selection Gene Component

Expression and cloning vectors typically contain a selection gene, also termed a selectable marker. This gene encodes a protein necessary for the survival or growth of transformed host cells grown in a selective culture medium. Host cells not transformed with the vector containing the selection gene will not survive in the culture medium. Typical selection genes encode proteins that (a) confer resistance to antibiotics or other toxins, e.g., ampicillin, neomycin, methotrexate, or tetracycline, (b) complement auxotrophic deficiencies, or (c) supply critical nutrients not available from complex media, e.g., the gene encoding D-alanine racemase for *Bacilli*.

One example of a selection scheme utilizes a drug to arrest growth of a host cell. Those cells that are successfully transformed with a heterologous gene produce a protein conferring drug resistance and thus survive the selection regimen. Examples of such dominant selection use the drugs neomycin [Southern et al., *J. Molec. Appl. Genet.*, 1:327 (1982)], mycophenolic acid (Mulligan et al., *Science*, 209:1422 (1980)) or hygromycin [Sugden et al., *Mol. Cell. Biol.*, 5:410-413 (1985)]. The three examples given above employ bacterial genes under eukaryotic control to convey resistance to the appropriate drug G418 or neomycin (geneticin), xgpt (mycophenolic acid), or hygromycin, respectively.

Another example of suitable selectable markers for mammalian cells are those that enable the identification of cells competent to take up the Apo-2 nucleic acid, such as DHFR or thymidine kinase. The mammalian cell transformants are placed under selection pressure that only the transformants are uniquely adapted to survive by virtue of having taken up the marker. Selection pressure is imposed by culturing the transformants under conditions in which the concentration of selection agent in the medium is successively changed, thereby leading to amplification of both the selection gene and the DNA that encodes Apo-2. Amplification is the process by which genes in greater demand for the production of a protein critical for growth are reiterated in tandem within the chromosomes of successive generations of recombinant cells. Increased quantities of Apo-2 are synthesized from the amplified DNA. Other examples of amplifiable genes

include metallothionein-I and -II, adenosine deaminase, and ornithine decarboxylase.

Cells transformed with the DHFR selection gene may first be identified by culturing all of the transformants in a culture medium that contains methotrexate (Mtx), a competitive antagonist of DHFR. An appropriate host cell when wild-type DHFR is employed is the Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cell line deficient in DHFR activity, prepared and propagated as described by Urlaub et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 77:4216 (1980). The transformed cells are then exposed to increased levels of methotrexate. This leads to the synthesis of multiple copies of the DHFR gene, and, concomitantly, multiple copies of other DNA comprising the expression vectors, such as the DNA encoding Apo-2. This amplification technique can be used with any otherwise suitable host, e.g., ATCC No. CCL61 CHO-K1, notwithstanding the presence of endogenous DHFR if, for example, a mutant DHFR gene that is highly resistant to Mtx is employed (EP 117,060).

Alternatively, host cells (particularly wild-type hosts that contain endogenous DHFR) transformed or co-transformed with DNA sequences encoding Apo-2, wild-type DHFR protein, and another selectable marker such as aminoglycoside 3'-phosphotransferase (APH) can be selected by cell growth in medium containing a selection agent for the selectable marker such as an aminoglycosidic antibiotic, e.g., kanamycin, neomycin, or G418. See U.S. Patent No. 4,965,199.

A suitable selection gene for use in yeast is the *trpl* gene present in the yeast plasmid YRp7 [Stinchcomb et al., Nature, 282:39 (1979); Kingsman et al., Gene, 7:141 (1979); Tschemper et al., Gene, 10:157 (1980)]. The *trpl* gene provides a selection marker for a mutant strain of yeast lacking the ability to grow in tryptophan, for example, ATCC No. 44076 or PEP4-1 [Jones, Genetics, 85:12 (1977)]. The presence of the *trpl* lesion in the yeast host cell genome then provides an effective environment for detecting transformation by growth in the absence of tryptophan. Similarly, Leu2-deficient yeast strains (ATCC 20,622 or 38,626) are complemented by known plasmids bearing the *Leu2* gene.

In addition, vectors derived from the 1.6 μm circular plasmid pKD1 can be used for transformation of *Kluyveromyces* yeasts

[Bianchi et al., Curr. Genet., 12:185 (1987)]. More recently, an expression system for large-scale production of recombinant calf chymosin was reported for *K. lactis* [Van den Berg, Bio/Technology, 8:135 (1990)]. Stable multi-copy expression vectors for secretion 5 of mature recombinant human serum albumin by industrial strains of *Kluyveromyces* have also been disclosed [Fleer et al., Bio/Technology, 9:968-975 (1991)].

(iv) Promoter Component

Expression and cloning vectors usually contain a 10 promoter that is recognized by the host organism and is operably linked to the Apo-2 nucleic acid sequence. Promoters are untranslated sequences located upstream (5') to the start codon of a structural gene (generally within about 100 to 1000 bp) that control the transcription and translation of particular nucleic 15 acid sequence, such as the Apo-2 nucleic acid sequence, to which they are operably linked. Such promoters typically fall into two classes, inducible and constitutive. Inducible promoters are promoters that initiate increased levels of transcription from DNA under their control in response to some change in culture 20 conditions, e.g., the presence or absence of a nutrient or a change in temperature. At this time a large number of promoters recognized by a variety of potential host cells are well known. These promoters are operably linked to Apo-2 encoding DNA by removing the promoter from the source DNA by restriction enzyme 25 digestion and inserting the isolated promoter sequence into the vector. Both the native Apo-2 promoter sequence and many heterologous promoters may be used to direct amplification and/or expression of the Apo-2 DNA.

Promoters suitable for use with prokaryotic hosts 30 include the β -lactamase and lactose promoter systems [Chang et al., Nature, 275:615 (1978); Goeddel et al., Nature, 281:544 (1979)], alkaline phosphatase, a tryptophan (trp) promoter system [Goeddel, Nucleic Acids Res., 8:4057 (1980); EP 36,776], and hybrid promoters such as the tac promoter [deBoer et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 80:21-25 (1983)]. However, other known bacterial promoters 35 are suitable. Their nucleotide sequences have been published, thereby enabling a skilled worker operably to ligate them to DNA encoding Apo-2 [Siebenlist et al., Cell, 20:269 (1980)] using

linkers or adaptors to supply any required restriction sites. Promoters for use in bacterial systems also will contain a Shine-Dalgarno (S.D.) sequence operably linked to the DNA encoding Apo-2.

Promoter sequences are known for eukaryotes. Virtually 5 all eukaryotic genes have an AT-rich region located approximately 25 to 30 bases upstream from the site where transcription is initiated. Another sequence found 70 to 80 bases upstream from the start of transcription of many genes is a CXCAAT region where X may be any nucleotide. At the 3' end of most eukaryotic genes is an 10 AATAAA sequence that may be the signal for addition of the poly A tail to the 3' end of the coding sequence. All of these sequences are suitably inserted into eukaryotic expression vectors.

Examples of suitable promoting sequences for use with yeast hosts include the promoters for 3-phosphoglycerate kinase 15 [Hitzeman et al., J. Biol. Chem., 255:2073 (1980)] or other glycolytic enzymes [Hess et al., J. Adv. Enzyme Reg., 7:149 (1968); Holland, Biochemistry, 17:4900 (1978)], such as enolase, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase, hexokinase, pyruvate decarboxylase, phosphofructokinase, glucose-6-phosphate isomerase, 20 3-phosphoglycerate mutase, pyruvate kinase, triosephosphate isomerase, phosphoglucose isomerase, and glucokinase.

Other yeast promoters, which are inducible promoters having the additional advantage of transcription controlled by growth conditions, are the promoter regions for alcohol 25 dehydrogenase 2, isocytochrome C, acid phosphatase, degradative enzymes associated with nitrogen metabolism, metallothionein, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase, and enzymes responsible for maltose and galactose utilization. Suitable vectors and promoters for use in yeast expression are further described in EP 30 73,657. Yeast enhancers also are advantageously used with yeast promoters.

Apo-2 transcription from vectors in mammalian host cells is controlled, for example, by promoters obtained from the genomes 35 of viruses such as polyoma virus, fowlpox virus (UK 2,211,504 published 5 July 1989), adenovirus (such as Adenovirus 2), bovine papilloma virus, avian sarcoma virus, cytomegalovirus, a retrovirus, hepatitis-B virus and most preferably Simian Virus 40 (SV40), from heterologous mammalian promoters, e.g., the actin

mammalian genes (globin, elastase, albumin, α -fetoprotein, and insulin). Typically, however, one will use an enhancer from a eukaryotic cell virus. Examples include the SV40 enhancer on the late side of the replication origin (bp 100-270), the 5 cytomegalovirus early promoter enhancer, the polyoma enhancer on the late side of the replication origin, and adenovirus enhancers. See also Yaniv, Nature, 297:17-18 (1982) on enhancing elements for activation of eukaryotic promoters. The enhancer may be spliced into the vector at a position 5' or 3' to the Apo-2 coding 10 sequence, but is preferably located at a site 5' from the promoter.

(vi) Transcription Termination Component

Expression vectors used in eukaryotic host cells (yeast, fungi, insect, plant, animal, human, or nucleated cells from other multicellular organisms) will also contain sequences necessary for 15 the termination of transcription and for stabilizing the mRNA. Such sequences are commonly available from the 5' and, occasionally 3', untranslated regions of eukaryotic or viral DNAs or cDNAs. These regions contain nucleotide segments transcribed as polyadenylated fragments in the untranslated portion of the mRNA 20 encoding Apo-2.

(vii) Construction and Analysis of Vectors

Construction of suitable vectors containing one or more of the above-listed components employs standard ligation techniques. Isolated plasmids or DNA fragments are cleaved, 25 tailored, and re-ligated in the form desired to generate the plasmids required.

For analysis to confirm correct sequences in plasmids constructed, the ligation mixtures can be used to transform *E. coli* K12 strain 294 (ATCC 31,446) and successful transformants selected 30 by ampicillin or tetracycline resistance where appropriate. Plasmids from the transformants are prepared, analyzed by restriction endonuclease digestion, and/or sequenced by the method of Messing et al., Nucleic Acids Res., 9:309 (1981) or by the method of Maxim et al., Methods in Enzymology, 65:499 (1980).

35 (viii) Transient Expression Vectors

Expression vectors that provide for the transient expression in mammalian cells of DNA encoding Apo-2 may be employed. In general, transient expression involves the use of an

promoter or an immunoglobulin promoter, from heat-shock promoters, and from the promoter normally associated with the Apo-2 sequence, provided such promoters are compatible with the host cell systems.

The early and late promoters of the SV40 virus are conveniently obtained as an SV40 restriction fragment that also contains the SV40 viral origin of replication [Fiers et al., Nature, 273:113 (1978); Mulligan and Berg, Science, 209:1422-1427 (1980); Pavlakis et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 78:7398-7402 (1981)]. The immediate early promoter of the human cytomegalovirus is conveniently obtained as a HindIII E restriction fragment [Greenaway et al., Gene, 18:355-360 (1982)]. A system for expressing DNA in mammalian hosts using the bovine papilloma virus as a vector is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,419,446. A modification of this system is described in U.S. Patent No. 4,601,978 [See also Gray et al., Nature, 295:503-508 (1982) on expressing cDNA encoding immune interferon in monkey cells; Reyes et al., Nature, 297:598-601 (1982) on expression of human β -interferon cDNA in mouse cells under the control of a thymidine kinase promoter from herpes simplex virus; Canaani and Berg, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 79:5166-5170 (1982) on expression of the human interferon gene in cultured mouse and rabbit cells; and Gorman et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 79:6777-6781 (1982) on expression of bacterial CAT sequences in CV-1 monkey kidney cells, chicken embryo fibroblasts, Chinese hamster ovary cells, HeLa cells, and mouse NIH-3T3 cells using the Rous sarcoma virus long terminal repeat as a promoter].

(v) Enhancer Element Component

Transcription of a DNA encoding the Apo-2 of this invention by higher eukaryotes may be increased by inserting an enhancer sequence into the vector. Enhancers are cis-acting elements of DNA, usually about from 10 to 300 bp, that act on a promoter to increase its transcription. Enhancers are relatively orientation and position independent, having been found 5' [Laimins et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 78:993 (1981)] and 3' [Lusky et al., Mol. Cell Bio., 3:1108 (1983)] to the transcription unit, within an intron [Banerji et al., Cell, 33:729 (1983)], as well as within the coding sequence itself [Osborne et al., Mol. Cell Bio., 4:1293 (1984)]. Many enhancer sequences are now known from

expression vector that is able to replicate efficiently in a host cell, such that the host cell accumulates many copies of the expression vector and, in turn, synthesizes high levels of a desired polypeptide encoded by the expression vector [Sambrook et al., *supra*]. Transient expression systems, comprising a suitable expression vector and a host cell, allow for the convenient positive identification of polypeptides encoded by cloned DNAs, as well as for the rapid screening of such polypeptides for desired biological or physiological properties. Thus, transient expression systems are particularly useful in the invention for purposes of identifying Apo-2 variants.

(ix) Suitable Exemplary Vertebrate Cell Vectors

Other methods, vectors, and host cells suitable for adaptation to the synthesis of Apo-2 in recombinant vertebrate cell culture are described in Gething et al., Nature, 293:620-625 (1981); Mantei et al., Nature, 281:40-46 (1979); EP 117,060; and EP 117,058.

3. Selection and Transformation of Host Cells

Suitable host cells for cloning or expressing the DNA in
20 the vectors herein are the prokaryote, yeast, or higher eukaryote
cells described above. Suitable prokaryotes for this purpose
include but are not limited to eubacteria, such as Gram-negative or
Gram-positive organisms, for example, Enterobacteriaceae such as
Escherichia, e.g., *E. coli*, *Enterobacter*, *Erwinia*, *Klebsiella*,
25 *Proteus*, *Salmonella*, e.g., *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Serratia*, e.g.,
Serratia marcescans, and *Shigella*, as well as *Bacilli* such as *B.*
subtilis and *B. licheniformis* (e.g., *B. licheniformis* 41P disclosed
in DD 266,710 published 12 April 1989), *Pseudomonas* such as *P.*
aeruginosa, and *Streptomyces*. Preferably, the host cell should
30 secrete minimal amounts of proteolytic enzymes.

In addition to prokaryotes, eukaryotic microbes such as filamentous fungi or yeast are suitable cloning or expression hosts for Apo-2-encoding vectors. *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, or common baker's yeast, is the most commonly used among lower eukaryotic host microorganisms. However, a number of other genera, species, and strains are commonly available and useful herein.

Suitable host cells for the expression of glycosylated Apo-2 are derived from multicellular organisms. Such host cells

are capable of complex processing and glycosylation activities. In principle, any higher eukaryotic cell culture is workable, whether from vertebrate or invertebrate culture. Examples of invertebrate cells include plant and insect cells. Numerous baculoviral strains and variants and corresponding permissive insect host cells from hosts such as *Spodoptera frugiperda* (caterpillar), *Aedes aegypti* (mosquito), *Aedes albopictus* (mosquito), *Drosophila melanogaster* (fruitfly), and *Bombyx mori* have been identified [See, e.g., Luckow et al., Bio/Technology, 6:47-55 (1988); Miller et al., in Genetic Engineering, Setlow et al., eds., Vol. 8 (Plenum Publishing, 1986), pp. 277-279; and Maeda et al., Nature, 315:592-594 (1985)]. A variety of viral strains for transfection are publicly available, e.g., the L-1 variant of *Autographa californica* NPV and the Bm-5 strain of *Bombyx mori* NPV.

Plant cell cultures of cotton, corn, potato, soybean, petunia, tomato, and tobacco can be utilized as hosts. Typically, plant cells are transfected by incubation with certain strains of the bacterium *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*. During incubation of the plant cell culture with *A. tumefaciens*, the DNA encoding the Apo-2 can be transferred to the plant cell host such that it is transfected, and will, under appropriate conditions, express the Apo-2-encoding DNA. In addition, regulatory and signal sequences compatible with plant cells are available, such as the nopaline synthase promoter and polyadenylation signal sequences [Depicker et al., J. Mol. Appl. Gen., 1:561 (1982)]. In addition, DNA segments isolated from the upstream region of the T-DNA 780 gene are capable of activating or increasing transcription levels of plant-expressible genes in recombinant DNA-containing plant tissue [EP 321,196 published 21 June 1989].

Propagation of vertebrate cells in culture (tissue culture) is also well known in the art [See, e.g., Tissue Culture, Academic Press, Kruse and Patterson, editors (1973)]. Examples of useful mammalian host cell lines are monkey kidney CV1 line transformed by SV40 (COS-7, ATCC CRL 1651); human embryonic kidney line (293 or 293 cells subcloned for growth in suspension culture, Graham et al., J. Gen Virol., 36:59 (1977)); baby hamster kidney cells (BHK, ATCC CCL 10); Chinese hamster ovary cells/-DHFR (CHO, Urlaub and Chasin, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 77:4216 (1980));

mouse sertoli cells (TM4, Mather, Biol. Reprod., 23:243-251 (1980)); monkey kidney cells (CV1 ATCC CCL 70); African green monkey kidney cells (VERO-76, ATCC CRL-1587); human cervical carcinoma cells (HELA, ATCC CCL 2); canine kidney cells (MDCK, ATCC CCL 34); buffalo rat liver cells (BRL 3A, ATCC CRL 1442); human lung cells (W138, ATCC CCL 75); human liver cells (Hep G2, HB 8065); mouse mammary tumor (MMT 060562, ATCC CCL51); TRI cells (Mather et al., Annals N.Y. Acad. Sci., 383:44-68 (1982)); MRC 5 cells; and FS4 cells.

10 Host cells are transfected and preferably transformed with the above-described expression or cloning vectors for Apo-2 production and cultured in conventional nutrient media modified as appropriate for inducing promoters, selecting transformants, or amplifying the genes encoding the desired sequences.

15 Transfection refers to the taking up of an expression vector by a host cell whether or not any coding sequences are in fact expressed. Numerous methods of transfection are known to the ordinarily skilled artisan, for example, CaPO₄ and electroporation. Successful transfection is generally recognized when any indication 20 of the operation of this vector occurs within the host cell.

Transformation means introducing DNA into an organism so that the DNA is replicable, either as an extrachromosomal element or by chromosomal integrant. Depending on the host cell used, transformation is done using standard techniques appropriate to 25 such cells. The calcium treatment employing calcium chloride, as described in Sambrook et al., supra, or electroporation is generally used for prokaryotes or other cells that contain substantial cell-wall barriers. Infection with *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* is used for transformation of certain plant cells, as 30 described by Shaw et al., Gene, 23:315 (1983) and WO 89/05859 published 29 June 1989. In addition, plants may be transfected using ultrasound treatment as described in WO 91/00358 published 10 January 1991.

For mammalian cells without such cell walls, the calcium phosphate precipitation method of Graham and van der Eb, Virology, 52:456-457 (1978) is preferred. General aspects of mammalian cell 35 host system transformations have been described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,399,216. Transformations into yeast are typically carried out

according to the method of Van Solingen et al., J. Bact., 130:946 (1977) and Hsiao et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (USA), 76:3829 (1979). However, other methods for introducing DNA into cells, such as by nuclear microinjection, electroporation, bacterial protoplast fusion with intact cells, or polycations, e.g., polybrene, polyornithine, may also be used. For various techniques for transforming mammalian cells, see Keown et al., Methods in Enzymology, 185:527-537 (1990) and Mansour et al., Nature, 336:348-352 (1988).

10 4. Culturing the Host Cells

Prokaryotic cells used to produce Apo-2 may be cultured in suitable media as described generally in Sambrook et al., supra. The mammalian host cells used to produce Apo-2 may be cultured in a variety of media. Examples of commercially available media include Ham's F10 (Sigma), Minimal Essential Medium ("MEM", Sigma), RPMI-1640 (Sigma), and Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium ("DMEM", Sigma). Any such media may be supplemented as necessary with hormones and/or other growth factors (such as insulin, transferrin, or epidermal growth factor), salts (such as sodium chloride, calcium, magnesium, and phosphate), buffers (such as HEPES), nucleosides (such as adenosine and thymidine), antibiotics (such as Gentamycin™ drug), trace elements (defined as inorganic compounds usually present at final concentrations in the micromolar range), and glucose or an equivalent energy source. Any other necessary supplements may also be included at appropriate concentrations that would be known to those skilled in the art. The culture conditions, such as temperature, pH, and the like, are those previously used with the host cell selected for expression, and will be apparent to the ordinarily skilled artisan.

30 In general, principles, protocols, and practical techniques for maximizing the productivity of mammalian cell cultures can be found in Mammalian Cell Biotechnology: a Practical Approach, M. Butler, ed. (IRL Press, 1991).

The host cells referred to in this disclosure encompass cells in culture as well as cells that are within a host animal.

35 5. Detecting Gene Amplification/Expression

Gene amplification and/or expression may be measured in a sample directly, for example, by conventional Southern blotting,

Northern blotting to quantitate the transcription of mRNA [Thomas, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 77:5201-5205 (1980)], dot blotting (DNA analysis), or *in situ* hybridization, using an appropriately labeled probe, based on the sequences provided herein. Various labels may 5 be employed, most commonly radioisotopes, and particularly ^{32}P . However, other techniques may also be employed, such as using biotin-modified nucleotides for introduction into a polynucleotide. The biotin then serves as the site for binding to avidin or antibodies, which may be labeled with a wide variety of labels, 10 such as radionucleotides, fluorescers or enzymes. Alternatively, antibodies may be employed that can recognize specific duplexes, including DNA duplexes, RNA duplexes, and DNA-RNA hybrid duplexes or DNA-protein duplexes. The antibodies in turn may be labeled and the assay may be carried out where the duplex is bound to a 15 surface, so that upon the formation of duplex on the surface, the presence of antibody bound to the duplex can be detected.

Gene expression, alternatively, may be measured by immunological methods, such as immunohistochemical staining of 20 cells or tissue sections and assay of cell culture or body fluids, to quantitate directly the expression of gene product. With immunohistochemical staining techniques, a cell sample is prepared, typically by dehydration and fixation, followed by reaction with 25 labeled antibodies specific for the gene product coupled, where the labels are usually visually detectable, such as enzymatic labels, fluorescent labels, or luminescent labels.

Antibodies useful for immunohistochemical staining and/or assay of sample fluids may be either monoclonal or polyclonal, and may be prepared in any mammal. Conveniently, the 30 antibodies may be prepared against a native sequence Apo-2 polypeptide or against a synthetic peptide based on the DNA sequences provided herein or against exogenous sequence fused to Apo-2 DNA and encoding a specific antibody epitope.

6. Purification of Apo-2 Polypeptide

Forms of Apo-2 may be recovered from culture medium or 35 from host cell lysates. If the Apo-2 is membrane-bound, it can be released from the membrane using a suitable detergent solution (e.g. Triton-X 100) or its extracellular domain may be released by enzymatic cleavage.

When Apo-2 is produced in a recombinant cell other than one of human origin, the Apo-2 is free of proteins or polypeptides of human origin. However, it may be desired to purify Apo-2 from recombinant cell proteins or polypeptides to obtain preparations that are substantially homogeneous as to Apo-2. As a first step, the culture medium or lysate may be centrifuged to remove particulate cell debris. Apo-2 thereafter is purified from contaminant soluble proteins and polypeptides, with the following procedures being exemplary of suitable purification procedures: by fractionation on an ion-exchange column; ethanol precipitation; reverse phase HPLC; chromatography on silica or on a cation-exchange resin such as DEAE; chromatofocusing; SDS-PAGE; ammonium sulfate precipitation; gel filtration using, for example, Sephadex G-75; and protein A Sepharose columns to remove contaminants such as IgG.

Apo-2 variants in which residues have been deleted, inserted, or substituted can be recovered in the same fashion as native sequence Apo-2, taking account of changes in properties occasioned by the variation. For example, preparation of an Apo-2 fusion with another protein or polypeptide, e.g., a bacterial or viral antigen, immunoglobulin sequence, or receptor sequence, may facilitate purification; an immunoaffinity column containing antibody to the sequence can be used to adsorb the fusion polypeptide. Other types of affinity matrices also can be used.

A protease inhibitor such as phenyl methyl sulfonyl fluoride (PMSF) also may be useful to inhibit proteolytic degradation during purification, and antibiotics may be included to prevent the growth of adventitious contaminants. One skilled in the art will appreciate that purification methods suitable for native sequence Apo-2 may require modification to account for changes in the character of Apo-2 or its variants upon expression in recombinant cell culture.

7. Covalent Modifications of Apo-2 Polypeptides

Covalent modifications of Apo-2 are included within the scope of this invention. One type of covalent modification of the Apo-2 is introduced into the molecule by reacting targeted amino acid residues of the Apo-2 with an organic derivatizing agent that

is capable of reacting with selected side chains or the N- or C-terminal residues of the Apo-2.

Derivatization with bifunctional agents is useful for crosslinking Apo-2 to a water-insoluble support matrix or surface 5 for use in the method for purifying anti-Apo-2 antibodies, and vice-versa. Derivatization with one or more bifunctional agents will also be useful for crosslinking Apo-2 molecules to generate 10 Apo-2 dimers. Such dimers may increase binding avidity and extend half-life of the molecule *in vivo*. Commonly used crosslinking agents include, e.g., 1,1-bis(diazoacetyl)-2-phenylethane, glutaraldehyde, N-hydroxysuccinimide esters, for example, esters with 4-azidosalicylic acid, homobifunctional imidoesters, including disuccinimidyl esters such as 3,3'-dithiobis(succinimidyl-propionate), and bifunctional maleimides such as bis-N-maleimido-15 1,8-octane. Derivatizing agents such as methyl-3-[(p-azidophenyl)-dithio]propioimidate yield photoactivatable intermediates that are capable of forming crosslinks in the presence of light. Alternatively, reactive water-insoluble matrices such as cyanogen bromide-activated carbohydrates and the reactive substrates 20 described in U.S. Patent Nos. 3,969,287; 3,691,016; 4,195,128; 4,247,642; 4,229,537; and 4,330,440 are employed for protein immobilization.

Other modifications include deamidation of glutaminyl and asparaginyl residues to the corresponding glutamyl and aspartyl 25 residues, respectively, hydroxylation of proline and lysine, phosphorylation of hydroxyl groups of seryl or threonyl residues, methylation of the α -amino groups of lysine, arginine, and histidine side chains [T.E. Creighton, Proteins: Structure and Molecular Properties, W.H. Freeman & Co., San Francisco, pp. 79-86 30 (1983)], acetylation of the N-terminal amine, and amidation of any C-terminal carboxyl group. The modified forms of the residues fall within the scope of the present invention.

Another type of covalent modification of the Apo-2 polypeptide included within the scope of this invention comprises 35 altering the native glycosylation pattern of the polypeptide. "Altering the native glycosylation pattern" is intended for purposes herein to mean deleting one or more carbohydrate moieties found in native sequence Apo-2, and/or adding one or more

glycosylation sites that are not present in the native sequence Apo-2.

Glycosylation of polypeptides is typically either N-linked or O-linked. N-linked refers to the attachment of the carbohydrate moiety to the side chain of an asparagine residue. The tripeptide sequences asparagine-X-serine and asparagine-X-threonine, where X is any amino acid except proline, are the recognition sequences for enzymatic attachment of the carbohydrate moiety to the asparagine side chain. Thus, the presence of either of these tripeptide sequences in a polypeptide creates a potential glycosylation site. O-linked glycosylation refers to the attachment of one of the sugars N-acetylglactosamine, galactose, or xylose to a hydroxylamino acid, most commonly serine or threonine, although 5-hydroxyproline or 5-hydroxylysine may also be used.

Addition of glycosylation sites to the Apo-2 polypeptide may be accomplished by altering the amino acid sequence such that it contains one or more of the above-described tripeptide sequences (for N-linked glycosylation sites). The alteration may also be made by the addition of, or substitution by, one or more serine or threonine residues to the native sequence Apo-2 (for O-linked glycosylation sites). The Apo-2 amino acid sequence may optionally be altered through changes at the DNA level, particularly by mutating the DNA encoding the Apo-2 polypeptide at preselected bases such that codons are generated that will translate into the desired amino acids. The DNA mutation(s) may be made using methods described above and in U.S. Pat. No. 5,364,934, supra.

Another means of increasing the number of carbohydrate moieties on the Apo-2 polypeptide is by chemical or enzymatic coupling of glycosides to the polypeptide. Depending on the coupling mode used, the sugar(s) may be attached to (a) arginine and histidine, (b) free carboxyl groups, (c) free sulphhydryl groups such as those of cysteine, (d) free hydroxyl groups such as those of serine, threonine, or hydroxyproline, (e) aromatic residues such as those of phenylalanine, tyrosine, or tryptophan, or (f) the amide group of glutamine. These methods are described in WO 87/05330 published 11 September 1987, and in Aplin and Wriston, CRC Crit. Rev. Biochem., pp. 259-306 (1981).

Removal of carbohydrate moieties present on the Apo-2 polypeptide may be accomplished chemically or enzymatically or by mutational substitution of codons encoding for amino acid residues that serve as targets for glycosylation. For instance, chemical deglycosylation by exposing the polypeptide to the compound trifluoromethanesulfonic acid, or an equivalent compound can result in the cleavage of most or all sugars except the linking sugar (N-acetylglucosamine or N-acetylgalactosamine), while leaving the polypeptide intact. Chemical deglycosylation is described by 5 Hakimuddin, et al., Arch. Biochem. Biophys., 259:52 (1987) and by Edge et al., Anal. Biochem., 118:131 (1981). Enzymatic cleavage of carbohydrate moieties on polypeptides can be achieved by the use of 10 a variety of endo- and exo-glycosidases as described by Thotakura et al., Meth. Enzymol., 138:350 (1987).

Glycosylation at potential glycosylation sites may be prevented by the use of the compound tunicamycin as described by 15 Duksin et al., J. Biol. Chem., 257:3105 (1982). Tunicamycin blocks the formation of protein-N-glycoside linkages.

Another type of covalent modification of Apo-2 comprises 20 linking the Apo-2 polypeptide to one of a variety of nonproteinaceous polymers, e.g., polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, or polyoxyalkylenes, in the manner set forth in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,640,835; 4,496,689; 4,301,144; 4,670,417; 4,791,192 or 4,179,337.

25 8. Apo-2 Chimeras

The present invention also provides chimeric molecules comprising Apo-2 fused to another, heterologous polypeptide or amino acid sequence.

In one embodiment, the chimeric molecule comprises a 30 fusion of the Apo-2 with a tag polypeptide which provides an epitope to which an anti-tag antibody can selectively bind. The epitope tag is generally placed at the amino- or carboxyl- terminus of the Apo-2. The presence of such epitope-tagged forms of the Apo-2 can be detected using an antibody against the tag 35 polypeptide. Also, provision of the epitope tag enables the Apo-2 to be readily purified by affinity purification using an anti-tag antibody or another type of affinity matrix that binds to the epitope tag.

Various tag polypeptides and their respective antibodies are well known in the art. Examples include the flu HA tag polypeptide and its antibody 12CA5 [Field et al., Mol. Cell. Biol., 8:2159-2165 (1988)]; the c-myc tag and the 8F9, 3C7, 6E10, G4, B7 and 9E10 antibodies thereto [Evan et al., Molecular and Cellular Biology, 5:3610-3616 (1985)]; and the Herpes Simplex virus glycoprotein D (gD) tag and its antibody [Paborsky et al., Protein Engineering, 3(6):547-553 (1990)]. Other tag polypeptides include the Flag-peptide [Hopp et al., BioTechnology, 6:1204-1210 (1988)]; the KT3 epitope peptide [Martin et al., Science, 255:192-194 (1992)]; an α -tubulin epitope peptide [Skinner et al., J. Biol. Chem., 266:15163-15166 (1991)]; and the T7 gene 10 protein peptide tag [Lutz-Freyermuth et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 87:6393-6397 (1990)]. Once the tag polypeptide has been selected, an antibody thereto can be generated using the techniques disclosed herein.

Generally, epitope-tagged Apo-2 may be constructed and produced according to the methods described above. Epitope-tagged Apo-2 is also described in the Examples below. Apo-2-tag polypeptide fusions are preferably constructed by fusing the cDNA sequence encoding the Apo-2 portion in-frame to the tag polypeptide DNA sequence and expressing the resultant DNA fusion construct in appropriate host cells. Ordinarily, when preparing the Apo-2-tag polypeptide chimeras of the present invention, nucleic acid encoding the Apo-2 will be fused at its 3' end to nucleic acid encoding the N-terminus of the tag polypeptide, however 5' fusions are also possible. For example, a polyhistidine sequence of about 5 to about 10 histidine residues may be fused at the N- terminus or the C- terminus and used as a purification handle in affinity chromatography.

Epitope-tagged Apo-2 can be purified by affinity chromatography using the anti-tag antibody. The matrix to which the affinity antibody is attached may include, for instance, agarose, controlled pore glass or poly(styrenedivinyl)benzene. The epitope-tagged Apo-2 can then be eluted from the affinity column using techniques known in the art.

In another embodiment, the chimeric molecule comprises an Apo-2 polypeptide fused to an immunoglobulin sequence. The

chimeric molecule may also comprise a particular domain sequence of Apo-2, such as an extracellular domain sequence of Apo-2 fused to an immunoglobulin sequence. This includes chimeras in monomeric, homo- or heteromultimeric, and particularly homo- or heterodimeric, 5 or -tetrameric forms; optionally, the chimeras may be in dimeric forms or homodimeric heavy chain forms. Generally, these assembled immunoglobulins will have known unit structures as represented by the following diagrams.

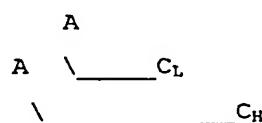
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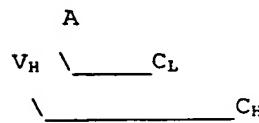
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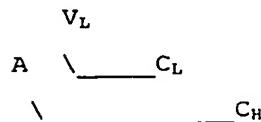
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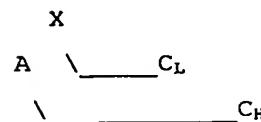
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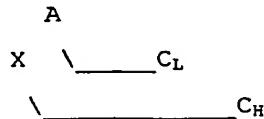


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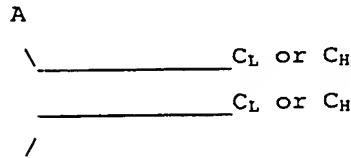
5 A basic four chain structural unit is the form in which IgG, IgD, and IgE exist. A four chain unit is repeated in the higher molecular weight immunoglobulins; IgM generally exists as a pentamer of basic four-chain units held together by disulfide bonds. IgA globulin, and occasionally IgG globulin, may also exist
10 in a multimeric form in serum. In the case of multimers, each four chain unit may be the same or different.

15 The following diagrams depict some exemplary monomer, homo- and heterodimer and homo- and heteromultimer structures. These diagrams are merely illustrative, and the chains of the multimers are believed to be disulfide bonded in the same fashion as native immunoglobulins.

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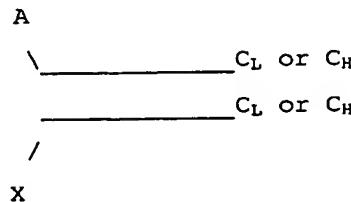
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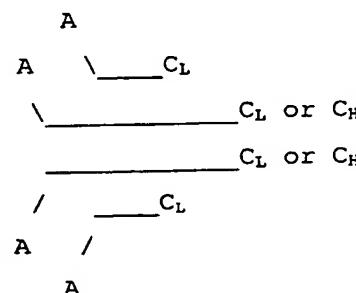
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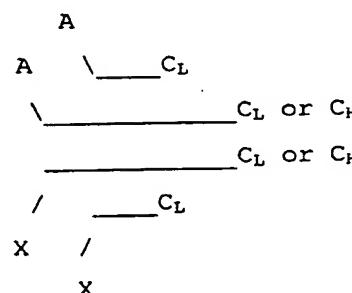
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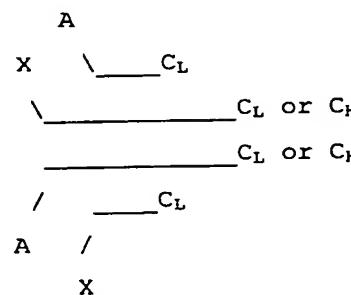
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In the foregoing diagrams, "A" means an Apo-2 sequence or an Apo-2 sequence fused to a heterologous sequence; X is an additional agent, which may be the same as A or different, a portion of an immunoglobulin superfamily member such as a variable region or a variable region-like domain, including a native or chimeric immunoglobulin variable region, a toxin such as a pseudomonas exotoxin or ricin, or a sequence functionally binding to another protein, such as other cytokines (i.e., IL-1, interferon- γ) or cell surface molecules (i.e., NGFR, CD40, OX40, Fas antigen, T2 proteins of Shope and myxoma poxviruses), or a polypeptide therapeutic agent not otherwise normally associated with a constant domain; Y is a linker or another receptor sequence; and V_L, V_H, C_L and C_H represent

light or heavy chain variable or constant domains of an immunoglobulin. Structures comprising at least one CRD of an Apo-2 sequence as "A" and another cell-surface protein having a repetitive pattern of CRDs (such as TNFR) as "X" are specifically included.

It will be understood that the above diagrams are merely exemplary of the possible structures of the chimeras of the present invention, and do not encompass all possibilities. For example, there might desirably be several different "A"s, "X"s, or "Y"s in any of these constructs. Also, the heavy or light chain constant domains may be originated from the same or different immunoglobulins. All possible permutations of the illustrated and similar structures are all within the scope of the invention herein.

In general, the chimeric molecules can be constructed in a fashion similar to chimeric antibodies in which a variable domain from an antibody of one species is substituted for the variable domain of another species. See, for example, EP 0 125 023; EP 173,494; Munro, Nature, 312:597 (13 December 1984); Neuberger et al., Nature, 312:604-608 (13 December 1984); Sharon et al., Nature, 309:364-367 (24 May 1984); Morrison et al., Proc. Nat'l. Acad. Sci. USA, 81:6851-6855 (1984); Morrison et al., Science, 229:1202-1207 (1985); Boulianne et al., Nature, 312:643-646 (13 December 1984); Capon et al., Nature, 337:525-531 (1989); Traunecker et al., Nature, 339:68-70 (1989).

Alternatively, the chimeric molecules may be constructed as follows. The DNA including a region encoding the desired sequence, such as an Apo-2 and/or TNFR sequence, is cleaved by a restriction enzyme at or proximal to the 3' end of the DNA encoding the immunoglobulin-like domain(s) and at a point at or near the DNA encoding the N-terminal end of the Apo-2 or TNFR polypeptide (where use of a different leader is contemplated) or at or proximal to the N-terminal coding region for TNFR (where the native signal is employed). This DNA fragment then is readily inserted proximal to DNA encoding an immunoglobulin light or heavy chain constant region and, if necessary, the resulting construct tailored by deletional mutagenesis. Preferably, the Ig is a human immunoglobulin when the chimeric molecule is intended for *in vivo* therapy for humans. DNA

encoding immunoglobulin light or heavy chain constant regions is known or readily available from cDNA libraries or is synthesized. See for example, Adams et al., Biochemistry, 19:2711-2719 (1980); Gough et al., Biochemistry, 19:2702-2710 (1980); Dolby et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 77:6027-6031 (1980); Rice et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 79:7862-7865 (1982); Falkner et al., Nature, 298:286-288 (1982); and Morrison et al., Ann. Rev. Immunol., 2:239-256 (1984).

Further details of how to prepare such fusions are found in publications concerning the preparation of immunoadhesins. Immunoadhesins in general, and CD4-Ig fusion molecules specifically are disclosed in WO 89/02922, published 6 April 1989. Molecules comprising the extracellular portion of CD4, the receptor for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), linked to IgG heavy chain constant region are known in the art and have been found to have a markedly longer half-life and lower clearance than the soluble extracellular portion of CD4 [Capon et al., supra; Byrn et al., Nature, 344:667 (1990)]. The construction of specific chimeric TNFR-IgG molecules is also described in Ashkenazi et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 88:10535-10539 (1991); Lesslauer et al. [J. Cell. Biochem. Supplement 15F, 1991, p. 115 (P 432)]; and Peppel and Beutler, J. Cell. Biochem. Supplement 15F, 1991, p. 118 (P 439)].

B. Therapeutic and Non-therapeutic Uses for Apo-2

Apo-2, as disclosed in the present specification, can be employed therapeutically to induce apoptosis in mammalian cells. This therapy can be accomplished for instance, using *in vivo* or *ex vivo* gene therapy techniques and includes the use of the death domain sequences disclosed herein. The Apo-2 chimeric molecules (including the chimeric molecules containing an extracellular domain sequence of Apo-2) comprising immunoglobulin sequences can also be employed therapeutically to inhibit apoptosis or NF-KB induction by Apo-2L or by another ligand that Apo-2 binds to.

The Apo-2 of the invention also has utility in non-therapeutic applications. Nucleic acid sequences encoding the Apo-2 may be used as a diagnostic for tissue-specific typing. For example, procedures like *in situ* hybridization, Northern and Southern blotting, and PCR analysis may be used to determine whether DNA and/or RNA encoding Apo-2 is present in the cell

type(s) being evaluated. Apo-2 nucleic acid will also be useful for the preparation of Apo-2 by the recombinant techniques described herein.

The isolated Apo-2 may be used in quantitative diagnostic assays as a control against which samples containing unknown quantities of Apo-2 may be prepared. Apo-2 preparations are also useful in generating antibodies, as standards in assays for Apo-2 (e.g., by labeling Apo-2 for use as a standard in a radioimmunoassay, radioreceptor assay, or enzyme-linked immunoassay), in affinity purification techniques, and in competitive-type receptor binding assays when labeled with, for instance, radioiodine, enzymes, or fluorophores.

Modified forms of the Apo-2, such as the Apo-2-IgG chimeric molecules (immunoadhesins) described above, can be used as immunogens in producing anti-Apo-2 antibodies.

Nucleic acids which encode Apo-2 or its modified forms can also be used to generate either transgenic animals or "knock out" animals which, in turn, are useful in the development and screening of therapeutically useful reagents. A transgenic animal (e.g., a mouse or rat) is an animal having cells that contain a transgene, which transgene was introduced into the animal or an ancestor of the animal at a prenatal, e.g., an embryonic stage. A transgene is a DNA which is integrated into the genome of a cell from which a transgenic animal develops. In one embodiment, cDNA encoding Apo-2 or an appropriate sequence thereof (such as Apo-2-IgG) can be used to clone genomic DNA encoding Apo-2 in accordance with established techniques and the genomic sequences used to generate transgenic animals that contain cells which express DNA encoding Apo-2. Methods for generating transgenic animals, particularly animals such as mice or rats, have become conventional in the art and are described, for example, in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,736,866 and 4,870,009. Typically, particular cells would be targeted for Apo-2 transgene incorporation with tissue-specific enhancers. Transgenic animals that include a copy of a transgene encoding Apo-2 introduced into the germ line of the animal at an embryonic stage can be used to examine the effect of increased expression of DNA encoding Apo-2. Such animals can be used as tester animals for reagents thought to confer protection from, for

example, pathological conditions associated with excessive apoptosis. In accordance with this facet of the invention, an animal is treated with the reagent and a reduced incidence of the pathological condition, compared to untreated animals bearing the transgene, would indicate a potential therapeutic intervention for the pathological condition. In another embodiment, transgenic animals that carry a soluble form of Apo-2 such as an Apo-2 ECD or an immunoglobulin chimera of such form could be constructed to test the effect of chronic neutralization of Apo-2L, a ligand of Apo-2.

10 Alternatively, non-human homologues of Apo-2 can be used to construct an Apo-2 "knock out" animal which has a defective or altered gene encoding Apo-2 as a result of homologous recombination between the endogenous gene encoding Apo-2 and altered genomic DNA encoding Apo-2 introduced into an embryonic cell of the animal.

15 For example, cDNA encoding Apo-2 can be used to clone genomic DNA encoding Apo-2 in accordance with established techniques. A portion of the genomic DNA encoding Apo-2 can be deleted or replaced with another gene, such as a gene encoding a selectable marker which can be used to monitor integration. Typically,

20 several kilobases of unaltered flanking DNA (both at the 5' and 3' ends) are included in the vector [see e.g., Thomas and Capecchi, *Cell*, 51:503 (1987) for a description of homologous recombination vectors]. The vector is introduced into an embryonic stem cell line (e.g., by electroporation) and cells in which the introduced

25 DNA has homologously recombined with the endogenous DNA are selected [see e.g., Li et al., *Cell*, 69:915 (1992)]. The selected cells are then injected into a blastocyst of an animal (e.g., a mouse or rat) to form aggregation chimeras [see e.g., Bradley, in *Teratocarcinomas and Embryonic Stem Cells: A Practical Approach*, E. J. Robertson, ed. (IRL, Oxford, 1987), pp. 113-152]. A chimeric embryo can then be implanted into a suitable pseudopregnant female foster animal and the embryo brought to term to create a "knock out" animal. Progeny harboring the homologously recombined DNA in their germ cells can be identified by standard techniques and used

30 to breed animals in which all cells of the animal contain the homologously recombined DNA. Knockout animals can be characterized for instance, for their ability to defend against certain pathological conditions and for their development of pathological

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conditions due to absence of the Apo-2 polypeptide, including for example, development of tumors.

C. Anti-Apo-2 Antibody Preparation

The present invention further provides anti-Apo-2 antibodies. Antibodies against Apo-2 may be prepared as follows. Exemplary antibodies include polyclonal, monoclonal, humanized, bispecific, and heteroconjugate antibodies.

1. Polyclonal Antibodies

The Apo-2 antibodies may comprise polyclonal antibodies. Methods of preparing polyclonal antibodies are known to the skilled artisan. Polyclonal antibodies can be raised in a mammal, for example, by one or more injections of an immunizing agent and, if desired, an adjuvant. Typically, the immunizing agent and/or adjuvant will be injected in the mammal by multiple subcutaneous or intraperitoneal injections. The immunizing agent may include the Apo-2 polypeptide or a fusion protein thereof. An example of a suitable immunizing agent is an Apo-2-IgG fusion protein, such as an Apo-2 ECD-IgG fusion protein. Cells expressing Apo-2 at their surface may also be employed. It may be useful to conjugate the immunizing agent to a protein known to be immunogenic in the mammal being immunized. Examples of such immunogenic proteins which may be employed include but are not limited to keyhole limpet hemocyanin, serum albumin, bovine thyroglobulin, and soybean trypsin inhibitor. An aggregating agent such as alum may also be employed to enhance the mammal's immune response. Examples of adjuvants which may be employed include Freund's complete adjuvant and MPL-TDM adjuvant (monophosphoryl Lipid A, synthetic trehalose dicorynomycolate). The immunization protocol may be selected by one skilled in the art without undue experimentation. The mammal can then be bled, and the serum assayed for antibody titer. If desired, the mammal can be boosted until the antibody titer increases or plateaus.

2. Monoclonal Antibodies

The Apo-2 antibodies may, alternatively, be monoclonal antibodies. Monoclonal antibodies may be prepared using hybridoma methods, such as those described by Kohler and Milstein, supra. In a hybridoma method, a mouse, hamster, or other appropriate host animal, is typically immunized (such as described above) with an

immunizing agent to elicit lymphocytes that produce or are capable of producing antibodies that will specifically bind to the immunizing agent. Alternatively, the lymphocytes may be immunized *in vitro*.

5 The immunizing agent will typically include the Apo-2 polypeptide or a fusion protein thereof. An example of a suitable immunizing agent is an Apo-2-IgG fusion protein or chimeric molecule. A specific example of an Apo-2 ECD-IgG immunogen is described in Example 9 below. Cells expressing Apo-2 at their 10 surface may also be employed. Generally, either peripheral blood lymphocytes ("PBLs") are used if cells of human origin are desired, or spleen cells or lymph node cells are used if non-human mammalian sources are desired. The lymphocytes are then fused with an immortalized cell line using a suitable fusing agent, such as 15 polyethylene glycol, to form a hybridoma cell [Goding, Monoclonal Antibodies: Principles and Practice, Academic Press, (1986) pp. 59-103]. Immortalized cell lines are usually transformed mammalian cells, particularly myeloma cells of rodent, bovine and human origin. Usually, rat or mouse myeloma cell lines are employed. 20 The hybridoma cells may be cultured in a suitable culture medium that preferably contains one or more substances that inhibit the growth or survival of the unfused, immortalized cells. For example, if the parental transformed cells lack the enzyme hypoxanthine guanine phosphoribosyl transferase (HGPRT or HPRT), 25 the culture medium for the hybridomas typically will include hypoxanthine, aminopterin, and thymidine ("HAT medium"), which substances prevent the growth of HGPRT-deficient cells.

Preferred immortalized cell lines are those that fuse efficiently, support stable high level expression of antibody by 30 the selected antibody-producing cells, and are sensitive to a medium such as HAT medium. More preferred immortalized cell lines are murine myeloma lines, which can be obtained, for instance, from the Salk Institute Cell Distribution Center, San Diego, California and the American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, Virginia. 35 Human myeloma and mouse-human heteromyeloma cell lines also have been described for the production of human monoclonal antibodies [Kozbor, J. Immunol., 133:3001 (1984); Brodeur et al., Monoclonal

Antibody Production Techniques and Applications, Marcel Dekker, Inc., New York, (1987) pp. 51-63].

The culture medium in which the hybridoma cells are cultured can then be assayed for the presence of monoclonal antibodies directed against Apo-2. Preferably, the binding specificity of monoclonal antibodies produced by the hybridoma cells is determined by immunoprecipitation or by an *in vitro* binding assay, such as radioimmunoassay (RIA) or enzyme-linked immunoabsorbent assay (ELISA). Such techniques and assays are known in the art. The binding affinity of the monoclonal antibody can, for example, be determined by the Scatchard analysis of Munson and Pollard, Anal. Biochem., 107:220 (1980).

After the desired hybridoma cells are identified, the clones may be subcloned by limiting dilution procedures and grown by standard methods [Goding, supra]. Suitable culture media for this purpose include, for example, Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium and RPMI-1640 medium. Alternatively, the hybridoma cells may be grown *in vivo* as ascites in a mammal.

The monoclonal antibodies secreted by the subclones may be isolated or purified from the culture medium or ascites fluid by conventional immunoglobulin purification procedures such as, for example, protein A-Sepharose, hydroxylapatite chromatography, gel electrophoresis, dialysis, or affinity chromatography.

The monoclonal antibodies may also be made by recombinant DNA methods, such as those described in U.S. Patent No. 4,816,567. DNA encoding the monoclonal antibodies of the invention can be readily isolated and sequenced using conventional procedures (e.g., by using oligonucleotide probes that are capable of binding specifically to genes encoding the heavy and light chains of murine antibodies). The hybridoma cells of the invention serve as a preferred source of such DNA. Once isolated, the DNA may be placed into expression vectors, which are then transfected into host cells such as simian COS cells, Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells, or myeloma cells that do not otherwise produce immunoglobulin protein, to obtain the synthesis of monoclonal antibodies in the recombinant host cells. The DNA also may be modified, for example, by substituting the coding sequence for human heavy and light chain constant domains in place of the homologous murine sequences [U.S.

Patent No. 4,816,567; Morrison et al., supra] or by covalently joining to the immunoglobulin coding sequence all or part of the coding sequence for a non-immunoglobulin polypeptide. Such a non-immunoglobulin polypeptide can be substituted for the constant domains of an antibody of the invention, or can be substituted for the variable domains of one antigen-combining site of an antibody of the invention to create a chimeric bivalent antibody.

As described in the Examples below, anti-Apo-2 monoclonal antibodies have been prepared. One of these antibodies, 3F11.39.7, has been deposited with ATCC and has been assigned deposit accession no. HB-12456. In one embodiment, the monoclonal antibodies of the invention will have the same biological characteristics as the monoclonal antibodies secreted by the hybridoma cell line(s) deposited under Accession No. HB-12456. The term "biological characteristics" is used to refer to the *in vitro* and/or *in vivo* activities or properties of the monoclonal antibody, such as the ability to specifically bind to Apo-2 or to substantially block, induce or enhance Apo-2 activation. As disclosed in the present specification, the 3F11.39.7 monoclonal antibody (HB-12456) is characterized as having agonistic activity for inducing apoptosis, binding to the Apo-2 receptor, having blocking activity as described in the Examples below, and having some cross-reactivity to DR4 but not to DcR1 or DcR2. Optionally, the monoclonal antibody will bind to the same epitope as the 3F11.39.7 antibody disclosed herein. This can be determined by conducting various assays, such as described herein and in the Examples. For instance, to determine whether a monoclonal antibody has the same specificity as the 3F11.39.7 antibody specifically disclosed, one can compare activity in Apo-2 blocking and apoptosis induction assays, such as those described in the Examples below.

The antibodies of the invention may also comprise monovalent antibodies. Methods for preparing monovalent antibodies are well known in the art. For example, one method involves recombinant expression of immunoglobulin light chain and modified heavy chain. The heavy chain is truncated generally at any point in the Fc region so as to prevent heavy chain crosslinking. Alternatively, the relevant cysteine residues are substituted with

another amino acid residue or are deleted so as to prevent crosslinking.

In vitro methods are also suitable for preparing monovalent antibodies. Digestion of antibodies to produce 5 fragments thereof, particularly, Fab fragments, can be accomplished using routine techniques known in the art. For instance, digestion can be performed using papain. Examples of papain digestion are described in WO 94/29348 published 12/22/94 and U.S. Patent No. 4,342,566. Papain digestion of antibodies typically produces two 10 identical antigen binding fragments, called Fab fragments, each with a single antigen binding site, and a residual Fc fragment. Pepsin treatment yields an $F(ab')_2$ fragment that has two antigen combining sites and is still capable of cross-linking antigen.

The Fab fragments produced in the antibody digestion 15 also contain the constant domains of the light chain and the first constant domain (CH_1) of the heavy chain. Fab' fragments differ from Fab fragments by the addition of a few residues at the carboxy terminus of the heavy chain CH_1 domain including one or more cysteines from the antibody hinge region. Fab'-SH is the 20 designation herein for Fab' in which the cysteine residue(s) of the constant domains bear a free thiol group. $F(ab')_2$ antibody fragments originally were produced as pairs of Fab' fragments which have hinge cysteines between them. Other chemical couplings of antibody fragments are also known.

25 3. Humanized Antibodies

The Apo-2 antibodies of the invention may further comprise humanized antibodies or human antibodies. Humanized forms of non-human (e.g., murine) antibodies are chimeric immunoglobulins, immunoglobulin chains or fragments thereof (such 30 as Fv, Fab, Fab', $F(ab')_2$ or other antigen-binding subsequences of antibodies) which contain minimal sequence derived from non-human immunoglobulin. Humanized antibodies include human immunoglobulins (recipient antibody) in which residues from a complementary determining region (CDR) of the recipient are replaced by residues 35 from a CDR of a non-human species (donor antibody) such as mouse, rat or rabbit having the desired specificity, affinity and capacity. In some instances, Fv framework residues of the human

immunoglobulin are replaced by corresponding non-human residues. Humanized antibodies may also comprise residues which are found neither in the recipient antibody nor in the imported CDR or framework sequences. In general, the humanized antibody will 5 comprise substantially all of at least one, and typically two, variable domains, in which all or substantially all of the CDR regions correspond to those of a non-human immunoglobulin and all or substantially all of the FR regions are those of a human immunoglobulin consensus sequence. The humanized antibody 10 optimally also will comprise at least a portion of an immunoglobulin constant region (Fc), typically that of a human immunoglobulin [Jones et al., Nature, 321:522-525 (1986); Riechmann et al., Nature, 332:323-329 (1988); and Presta, Curr. Op. Struct. Biol., 2:593-596 (1992)].

15 Methods for humanizing non-human antibodies are well known in the art. Generally, a humanized antibody has one or more amino acid residues introduced into it from a source which is non-human. These non-human amino acid residues are often referred to as "import" residues, which are typically taken from an "import" 20 variable domain. Humanization can be essentially performed following the method of Winter and co-workers [Jones et al., Nature, 321:522-525 (1986); Riechmann et al., Nature, 332:323-327 (1988); Verhoeyen et al., Science, 239:1534-1536 (1988)], by substituting rodent CDRs or CDR sequences for the corresponding 25 sequences of a human antibody. Accordingly, such "humanized" antibodies are chimeric antibodies (U.S. Patent No. 4,816,567), wherein substantially less than an intact human variable domain has been substituted by the corresponding sequence from a non-human species. In practice, humanized antibodies are typically human 30 antibodies in which some CDR residues and possibly some FR residues are substituted by residues from analogous sites in rodent antibodies.

The choice of human variable domains, both light and heavy, to be used in making the humanized antibodies is very 35 important in order to reduce antigenicity. According to the "best-fit" method, the sequence of the variable domain of a rodent antibody is screened against the entire library of known human variable domain sequences. The human sequence which is closest to

that of the rodent is then accepted as the human framework (FR) for the humanized antibody [Sims et al., J. Immunol., 151:2296 (1993); Chothia and Lesk, J. Mol. Biol., 196:901 (1987)]. Another method uses a particular framework derived from the consensus sequence of 5 all human antibodies of a particular subgroup of light or heavy chains. The same framework may be used for several different humanized antibodies [Carter et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 89:4285 (1992); Presta et al., J. Immunol., 151:2623 (1993)].

It is further important that antibodies be humanized 10 with retention of high affinity for the antigen and other favorable biological properties. To achieve this goal, according to a preferred method, humanized antibodies are prepared by a process of analysis of the parental sequences and various conceptual humanized products using three dimensional models of the parental and 15 humanized sequences. Three dimensional immunoglobulin models are commonly available and are familiar to those skilled in the art. Computer programs are available which illustrate and display probable three-dimensional conformational structures of selected candidate immunoglobulin sequences. Inspection of these displays 20 permits analysis of the likely role of the residues in the functioning of the candidate immunoglobulin sequence, i.e., the analysis of residues that influence the ability of the candidate immunoglobulin to bind its antigen. In this way, FR residues can be selected and combined from the consensus and import sequence so 25 that the desired antibody characteristic, such as increased affinity for the target antigen(s), is achieved. In general, the CDR residues are directly and most substantially involved in influencing antigen binding [see, WO 94/04679 published 3 March 1994].

30 Transgenic animals (e.g., mice) that are capable, upon immunization, of producing a full repertoire of human antibodies in the absence of endogenous immunoglobulin production can be employed. Transfer of the human germ-line immunoglobulin gene array in such germ-line mutant mice will result in the production 35 of human antibodies upon antigen challenge [see, e.g., Jakobovits et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 90:2551-255 (1993); Jakobovits et al., Nature, 362:255-258 (1993); Bruggemann et al., Year in Immuno., 7:33 (1993)].

Human antibodies can also be produced in phage display libraries [Hoogenboom and Winter, J. Mol. Biol., 227:381 (1992); Marks et al., J. Mol. Biol., 222:581 (1991)]. The techniques of Cole et al. and Boerner et al. are also available for the preparation of human monoclonal antibodies (Cole et al., Monoclonal Antibodies and Cancer Therapy, Alan R. Liss, p. 77 (1985) and Boerner et al., J. Immunol., 147(1):86-95 (1991)). Suitable methods for preparing phage libraries have been reviewed and are described in Winter et al., Annu. Rev. Immunol., 12:433-55 (1994); Soderlind et al., Immunological Reviews, 130:109-123 (1992); Hoogenboom, Tibtech February 1997, Vol. 15; Neri et al., Cell Biophysics, 27:47-61 (1995). Libraries of single chain antibodies may also be prepared by the methods described in WO 92/01047, WO 92/20791, WO 93/06213, WO 93/11236, WO 93/19172, WO 95/01438 and WO 95/15388. Antibody libraries are also commercially available, for example, from Cambridge Antibody Technologies (C.A.T.), Cambridge, UK. Binding selection against an antigen, in this case Apo-2, can be carried out as described in greater detail in the Examples below.

As described in the Examples below, anti-Apo-2 single-chain Fv (scFv) antibodies have been identified using a phage display library. Three of these antibodies, referred to herein as 16E2, 24C4 and 20E6, have been sequenced and characterized. The respective DNA and amino acid sequences and complementarity determining regions of these antibodies are shown in Figures 15A-15C and 16. In one embodiment of the invention, scFv Apo-2 antibodies will have the same biological characteristics as the 16E2, 24C4 or 20E6 antibodies identified herein. The term "biological characteristics" is used to refer to the *in vitro* and/or *in vivo* activities or properties of the scFv antibody, such as the ability to specifically bind to Apo-2 or to substantially induce or enhance Apo-2 activation. As disclosed in the present specification, the 16E2, 24C4 and 20E6 antibodies are characterized as binding to Apo-2, having agonistic activity for inducing apoptosis, and having no cross-reactivity to DR4 or several of the other known molecules recognized by the Apo-2 ligand. Optionally, the scFv Apo-2 antibody will bind to the same epitope or epitopes recognized by the 16E2, 24C4 or 20E6 antibodies disclosed herein.

This can be determined by conducting various assays, such as described herein and in the Examples. For instance, to determine whether a scFv antibody has the same specificity as the 16E2, 24C4 or 20E6 antibodies specifically disclosed, one can compare activity 5 in apoptosis induction assays, such as those described in the Examples below.

Optionally the scFv antibodies to Apo-2 may include antibodies which contain a VH and VL chain that include one or more complementarity determining region (CDR) amino acid sequences 10 identified in Figure 16 for the 16E2, 20E6, or 24C4 antibodies.

4. Bispecific Antibodies

Bispecific antibodies are monoclonal, preferably human or humanized, antibodies that have binding specificities for at least two different antigens. In the present case, one of the 15 binding specificities is for the Apo-2, the other one is for any other antigen, and preferably for a cell-surface protein or receptor or receptor subunit.

Methods for making bispecific antibodies are known in the art. Traditionally, the recombinant production of bispecific antibodies is based on the co-expression of two immunoglobulin heavy-chain/light-chain pairs, where the two heavy chains have different specificities [Milstein and Cuello, *Nature*, 305:537-539 (1983)]. Because of the random assortment of immunoglobulin heavy and light chains, these hybridomas (quadromas) produce a potential mixture of ten different antibody molecules, of which only one has the correct bispecific structure. The purification of the correct molecule is usually accomplished by affinity chromatography steps. Similar procedures are disclosed in WO 93/08829, published 13 May 1993, and in Traunecker et al., EMBO J., 10:3655-3659 (1991).

According to a different and more preferred approach, 30 antibody variable domains with the desired binding specificities (antibody-antigen combining sites) are fused to immunoglobulin constant domain sequences. The fusion preferably is with an immunoglobulin heavy-chain constant domain, comprising at least 35 part of the hinge, CH₂, and CH₃ regions. It is preferred to have the first heavy-chain constant region (CH₁) containing the site necessary for light-chain binding present in at least one of the fusions. DNAs encoding the immunoglobulin heavy-chain fusions and,

if desired, the immunoglobulin light chain, are inserted into separate expression vectors, and are co-transfected into a suitable host organism. This provides for great flexibility in adjusting the mutual proportions of the three polypeptide fragments in 5 embodiments when unequal ratios of the three polypeptide chains used in the construction provide the optimum yields. It is, however, possible to insert the coding sequences for two or all three polypeptide chains in one expression vector when the expression of at least two polypeptide chains in equal ratios 10 results in high yields or when the ratios are of no particular significance. In a preferred embodiment of this approach, the bispecific antibodies are composed of a hybrid immunoglobulin heavy chain with a first binding specificity in one arm, and a hybrid immunoglobulin heavy-chain/light-chain pair (providing a second 15 binding specificity) in the other arm. It was found that this asymmetric structure facilitates the separation of the desired bispecific compound from unwanted immunoglobulin chain combinations, as the presence of an immunoglobulin light chain in only one half of the bispecific molecule provides for a facile way 20 of separation. This approach is disclosed in WO 94/04690 published 3 March 1994. For further details of generating bispecific antibodies see, for example, Suresh et al., Methods in Enzymology, 121:210 (1986).

5. Heteroconjugate Antibodies

25 Heteroconjugate antibodies are also within the scope of the present invention. Heteroconjugate antibodies are composed of two covalently joined antibodies. Such antibodies have, for example, been proposed to target immune system cells to unwanted cells [US Patent No. 4,676,980], and for treatment of HIV infection 30 [WO 91/00360; WO 92/200373; EP 03089]. It is contemplated that the antibodies may be prepared *in vitro* using known methods in synthetic protein chemistry, including those involving crosslinking agents. For example, immunotoxins may be constructed using a disulfide exchange reaction or by forming a thioether bond. 35 Examples of suitable reagents for this purpose include iminothiolate and methyl-4-mercaptopbutyrimidate and those disclosed, for example, in U.S. Pat. No. 4,676,980.

6. Triabodies

Triabodies are also within the scope of the invention. Such antibodies are described for instance in Iliades et al., FEBS Letters, 409:437-441 (1997) and Korrt et al., Protein Engineering, 5 10:423-433 (1997).

7. Other Modifications

Other modifications of the Apo-2 antibodies are contemplated. For example, it may be desirable to modify the antibodies of the invention with respect to effector function, so 10 as to enhance the therapeutic effectiveness of the antibodies. For instance, cysteine residue(s) may be introduced into the Fc region, thereby allowing interchain disulfide bond formation in this region. The homodimeric antibody thus generated may have improved internalization capability and/or increased complement-mediated 15 cell killing [see, e.g., Caron et al., J. Exp. Med., 176:1191-1195 (1992); Shope, J. Immunol., 148:2918-2922 (1992). Homodimeric antibodies may also be prepared using heterobifunctional cross-linkers as described in Wolff et al., Cancer Research, 53:2560-2565 (1993). Ghetie et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 94:7509-7514 20 (1997), further describe preparation of IgG-IgG homodimers and disclose that such homodimers can enhance apoptotic activity as compared to the monomers. Alternatively, the antibodies can be engineered to have dual Fc regions [see, Stevenson et al., Anti-Cancer Drug Design, 3:219-230 (1989)].

It may be desirable to modify the amino acid sequences 25 of the antibodies disclosed herein. Sequences within the scFv complementary determining or linker regions (as shown in Figure 16) may be modified for instance to modulate the biological activities of these antibodies. Variations in the full-length scFv sequence or 30 in various domains of the scFv molecules described herein, can be made, for example, using any of the techniques and guidelines for conservative and non-conservative mutations set forth, for instance, in U.S. Pat. No. 5,364,934. Variations may be a substitution, deletion or insertion of one or more codons encoding 35 a scFv that results in a change in the amino acid sequence of the scFv as compared with the native sequence scFv. Optionally, the variation is by substitution of at least one amino acid with any other amino acid in one or more of the domains of the scFv

molecule. The variations can be made using methods known in the art such as oligonucleotide-mediated (site-directed) mutagenesis, alanine scanning, and PCR mutagenesis. Site-directed mutagenesis [Carter et al., Nucl. Acids Res., 13:4331 (1986); Zoller et al., 5 Nucl. Acids Res., 10:6487 (1987)], cassette mutagenesis [Wells et al., Gene, 34:315 (1985)], restriction selection mutagenesis [Wells et al., Philos. Trans. R. Soc. London SerA, 317:415 (1986)] or other known techniques can be performed on the cloned DNA to produce the scFv variant DNA.

10 The antibodies may optionally be covalently attached or conjugated to one or more chemical groups. A polyol, for example, can be conjugated to an antibody molecule at one or more amino acid residues, including lysine residues as disclosed in WO 93/00109. Optionally, the polyol is a poly(alkylene glycol), such as 15 poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG), however, those skilled in the art recognize that other polyols, such as, for example, poly(propylene glycol) and polyethylene-polypropylene glycol copolymers, can be employed using techniques for conjugating PEG to polypeptides. A variety of methods for pegylating polypeptides have been described. 20 See, e.g. U.S. Patent No. 4,179,337 which discloses the conjugation of a number of hormones and enzymes to PEG and polypropylene glycol to produce physiologically active compositions having reduced immunogenicities.

The antibodies may also be fused or linked to another 25 heterologous polypeptide or amino acid sequence such as an epitope tag. Epitope tag polypeptides and methods of their use are described above in Section A, paragraph 8. Any of the tags described herein may be linked to the antibodies. The Examples below, for instance, describe His-tagged and gD-tagged single-chain 30 antibodies.

D. Therapeutic Uses for Apo-2 Antibodies

The Apo-2 antibodies of the invention have therapeutic utility. Agonistic Apo-2 antibodies, for instance, may be employed to activate or stimulate apoptosis in cancer cells. Accordingly, 35 the invention provides methods for treating cancer using such Apo-2 antibodies. It is of course contemplated that the methods of the invention can be employed in combination with still other therapeutic techniques such as surgery.

The agonist is preferably administered to the mammal in a carrier. Suitable carriers and their formulations are described in Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, 16th ed., 1980, Mack Publishing Co., edited by Oslo et al. Typically, an appropriate amount of a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt is used in the formulation to render the formulation isotonic. Examples of a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier include saline, Ringer's solution and dextrose solution. The pH of the solution is preferably from about 5 to about 8, and more preferably from about 7 to about 7.5. Further carriers include sustained release preparations such as semipermeable matrices of solid hydrophobic polymers containing the agonist, which matrices are in the form of shaped articles, e.g., films, liposomes or microparticles. It will be apparent to those persons skilled in the art that certain carriers may be more preferable depending upon, for instance, the route of administration and concentration of agonist being administered.

The agonist antibody can be administered to the mammal by injection (e.g., intravenous, intraperitoneal, subcutaneous, intramuscular), or by other methods such as infusion that ensure its delivery to the bloodstream in an effective form. The agonist may also be administered by intratumoral, peritumoral, intralesional, or perilesional routes, to exert local as well as systemic therapeutic effects. Local or intravenous injection is preferred.

Effective dosages and schedules for administering the agonist antibody may be determined empirically, and making such determinations is within the skill in the art. Those skilled in the art will understand that the dosage of agonist that must be administered will vary depending on, for example, the mammal which will receive the agonist, the route of administration, the particular type of agonist used and other drugs being administered to the mammal. Guidance in selecting appropriate doses for antibody agonists is found in the literature on therapeutic uses of antibodies, e.g., Handbook of Monoclonal Antibodies, Ferrone et al., eds., Noges Publications, Park Ridge, N.J., (1985) ch. 22 and pp. 303-357; Smith et al., Antibodies in Human Diagnosis and Therapy, Haber et al., eds., Raven Press, New York (1977) pp. 365-

389. A typical daily dosage of the agonist used alone might range from about 1 µg/kg to up to 100 mg/kg of body weight or more per day, depending on the factors mentioned above.

The agonist antibody may also be administered to the 5 mammal in combination with effective amounts of one or more other therapeutic agents or in conjunction with radiation treatment. Therapeutic agents contemplated include chemotherapeutics as well as immunoadjuvants and cytokines. Chemotherapies contemplated by the invention include chemical substances or drugs which are known 10 in the art and are commercially available, such as Doxorubicin, 5-Fluorouracil, Cytosine arabinoside ("Ara-C"), Cyclophosphamide, Thiotepa, Busulfan, Cytoxin, Taxol, Methotrexate, Cisplatin, Melphalan, Vinblastine and Carboplatin. The agonist may be administered sequentially or concurrently with the one or more 15 other therapeutic agents. The amounts of agonist and therapeutic agent depend, for example, on what type of drugs are used, the cancer being treated, and the scheduling and routes of administration but would generally be less than if each were used individually.

20 Following administration of agonist to the mammal, the mammal's cancer and physiological condition can be monitored in various ways well known to the skilled practitioner. For instance, tumor mass may be observed physically or by standard x-ray imaging techniques.

25 The Apo-2 antibodies of the invention may also be useful in enhancing immune-mediated cell death in cells expressing Apo-2, for instance, through complement fixation or ADCC. Alternatively, antagonistic antibodies may be used to block excessive apoptosis 30 (for instance in neurodegenerative disease) or to block potential autoimmune/inflammatory effects of Apo-2 resulting from NF-κB activation. Such antagonistic antibodies can be utilized according to the therapeutic methods and techniques described above.

E. Non-therapeutic Uses for Apo-2 Antibodies

Apo-2 antibodies may further be used in diagnostic 35 assays for Apo-2, e.g., detecting its expression in specific cells, tissues, or serum. Various diagnostic assay techniques known in the art may be used, such as competitive binding assays, direct or indirect sandwich assays and immunoprecipitation assays conducted

in either heterogeneous or homogeneous phases [Zola, Monoclonal Antibodies: A Manual of Techniques, CRC Press, Inc. (1987) pp. 147-158]. The antibodies used in the diagnostic assays can be labeled with a detectable moiety. The detectable moiety should be capable of producing, either directly or indirectly, a detectable signal. For example, the detectable moiety may be a radioisotope, such as ^3H , ^{14}C , ^{32}P , ^{35}S , or ^{125}I , a fluorescent or chemiluminescent compound, such as fluorescein isothiocyanate, rhodamine, or luciferin, or an enzyme, such as alkaline phosphatase, beta-galactosidase or horseradish peroxidase. Any method known in the art for conjugating the antibody to the detectable moiety may be employed, including those methods described by Hunter et al., Nature, 144:945 (1962); David et al., Biochemistry, 13:1014 (1974); Pain et al., J. Immunol. Meth., 40:219 (1981); and Nygren, J. Histochem. and Cytochem., 30:407 (1982).

Apo-2 antibodies also are useful for the affinity purification of Apo-2 from recombinant cell culture or natural sources. In this process, the antibodies against Apo-2 are immobilized on a suitable support, such as Sephadex resin or filter paper, using methods well known in the art. The immobilized antibody then is contacted with a sample containing the Apo-2 to be purified, and thereafter the support is washed with a suitable solvent that will remove substantially all the material in the sample except the Apo-2, which is bound to the immobilized antibody. Finally, the support is washed with another suitable solvent that will release the Apo-2 from the antibody.

F. Kits Containing Apo-2 or Apo-2 Antibodies

In a further embodiment of the invention, there are provided articles of manufacture and kits containing Apo-2 or Apo-2 antibodies which can be used, for instance, for the therapeutic or non-therapeutic applications described above. The article of manufacture comprises a container with a label. Suitable containers include, for example, bottles, vials, and test tubes. The containers may be formed from a variety of materials such as glass or plastic. The container holds a composition which includes an active agent that is effective for therapeutic or non-therapeutic applications, such as described above. The active agent in the composition is Apo-2 or an Apo-2 antibody. The label

on the container indicates that the composition is used for a specific therapy or non-therapeutic application, and may also indicate directions for either *in vivo* or *in vitro* use, such as those described above.

5 The kit of the invention will typically comprise the container described above and one or more other containers comprising materials desirable from a commercial and user standpoint, including buffers, diluents, filters, needles, syringes, and package inserts with instructions for use.

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The following examples are offered for illustrative purposes only, and are not intended to limit the scope of the present invention in any way.

All patent and literature references cited in the present specification are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

EXAMPLES

All restriction enzymes referred to in the examples were purchased from New England Biolabs and used according to manufacturer's instructions. All other commercially available reagents referred to in the examples were used according to manufacturer's instructions unless otherwise indicated. The source of those cells identified in the following examples, and throughout the specification, by ATCC accession numbers is the American Type Culture Collection, Manassas, VA.

EXAMPLE 1

Isolation of cDNA clones Encoding Human Apo-2

Expressed sequence tag (EST) DNA databases (LIFESEQ™, Incyte Pharmaceuticals, Palo Alto, CA) were searched and an EST was identified which showed homology to the death domain of the Apo-3 receptor [Marsters et al., Curr. Biol., 6:750 (1996)]. Human pancreas and kidney lgt10 bacteriophage cDNA libraries (both purchased from Clontech) were ligated into pRK5 vectors as follows. Reagents were added together and incubated at 16°C for 16 hours: 5X T4 ligase buffer (3 ml); pRK5, Xhol, NotI digested vector, 0.5 mg, 1 ml); cDNA (5 ml) and distilled water (6 ml). Subsequently, additional distilled water (70 ml) and 10 mg/ml tRNA (0.1 ml) were added and the entire reaction was extracted through

phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1). The aqueous phase was removed, collected and diluted into 5M NaCl (10 ml) and absolute ethanol (-20°C, 250 ml). This was then centrifuged for 20 minutes at 14,000 × g, decanted, and the pellet resuspended into 70% 5 ethanol (0.5 ml) and centrifuged again for 2 minutes at 14,000 × g. The DNA pellet was then dried in a speedvac and eluted into distilled water (3 ml) for use in the subsequent procedure.

The ligated cDNA/pRK5 vector DNA prepared previously was chilled on ice to which was added electrocompetent DH10B bacteria 10 (Life Tech., 20 ml). The bacteria vector mixture was then electroporated as per the manufacturers recommendation. Subsequently SOC media (1 ml) was added and the mixture was incubated at 37°C for 30 minutes. The transformants were then plated onto 20 standard 150 mm LB plates containing ampicillin and 15 incubated for 16 hours (37°C) to allow the colonies to grow. Positive colonies were then scraped off and the DNA isolated from the bacterial pellet using standard CsCl-gradient protocols.

An enriched 5'-cDNA library was then constructed to obtain a bias of cDNA fragments which preferentially represents the 20 5' ends of cDNA's contained within the library. 10 mg of the pooled isolated full-length library plasmid DNA (41 ml) was combined with Not 1 restriction buffer (New England Biolabs, 5 ml) and Not 1 (New England Biolabs, 4 ml) and incubated at 37°C for one hour. The reaction was extracted through phenol:chloroform:isoamyl 25 alcohol (25:24:1, 50 ml), the aqueous phase removed, collected and resuspended into 5M NaCl (5 ml) and absolute ethanol (-20°C, 150 ml). This was then centrifuged for 20 minutes at 14,000 × g, decanted, resuspended into 70% ethanol (0.5 ml) and centrifuged again for 2 minutes at 14,000 × g. The supernatant was then 30 removed, the pellet dried in a speedvac and resuspended in distilled water (10 ml).

The following reagents were brought together and incubated at 37°C for 2 hours: distilled water (3 ml); linearized DNA library (1 mg, 1 ml); Ribonucleotide mix (Invitrogen, 10 ml); 35 transcription buffer (Invitrogen, 2 ml) and Sp6 enzyme mix. The reaction was then extracted through phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1, 50 ml) and the aqueous phase was removed,

collected and resuspended into 5M NaCl (5 ml) and absolute ethanol (-20°C, 150 ml) and centrifuged for 20 minutes at 14,000 × g. The pellet was then decanted and resuspended in 70% ethanol (0.5 ml), centrifuged again for 2 minutes at 14,000 × g, decanted, dried in a speedvac and resuspended into distilled water (10 ml).

The following reagents were added together and incubated at 16°C for 16 hours: 5X T4 ligase buffer (Life Tech., 3 ml); pRK5 Cla-Sal digested vector, 0.5 mg, 1 ml); cDNA (5 ml); distilled water (6 ml). Subsequently, additional distilled water (70 ml) and 10 mg/ml tRNA (0.1 ml) was added and the entire reaction was extracted through phenol:chloroform:isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1, 100 ml). The aqueous phase was removed, collected and diluted by 5M NaCl (10 ml) and absolute ethanol (-20°C, 250 ml) and centrifuged for 20 minutes at 14,000 × g. The DNA pellet was decanted, resuspended into 70% ethanol (0.5 ml) and centrifuged again for 2 minutes at 14,000 × g. The supernatant was removed and the residue pellet was dried in a speedvac and resuspended in distilled water (3 ml). The ligated cDNA/pSST-amyl vector DNA was chilled on ice to which was added electrocompetent DH10B bacteria (Life Tech., 20 ml). The bacteria vector mixture was then electroporated as recommended by the manufacturer. Subsequently, SOC media (Life Tech., 1 ml) was added and the mixture was incubated at 37°C for 30 minutes. The transformants were then plated onto 20 standard 150 mm LB plates containing ampicillin and incubated for 16 hours (37°C). Positive colonies were scraped off the plates and the DNA was isolated from the bacterial pellet using standard protocols, e.g. CsCl-gradient.

The cDNA libraries were screened by hybridization with a synthetic oligonucleotide probe:

30 GGGAGCCGCTCATGAGGAAGTTGGGCCTCATGGACAATGAGATAAAGGTGGCTAAAGCTGAGGCAGC
GGG (SEQ ID NO:3) based on the EST.

Three cDNA clones were sequenced in entirety. The overlapping coding regions of the cDNAs were identical except for codon 410 (using the numbering system for Fig. 1); this position 35 encoded a leucine residue (TTG) in both pancreatic cDNAs, and a methionine residue (ATG) in the kidney cDNA, possibly due to polymorphism.

The entire nucleotide sequence of Apo-2 is shown in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:2). Clone 27868 (also referred to as pRK5-Apo-2 deposited as ATCC 209021, as indicated below) contains a single open reading frame with an apparent translational initiation site 5 at nucleotide positions 140-142 [Kozak et al., supra] and ending at the stop codon found at nucleotide positions 1373-1375 (Fig. 1; SEQ ID NO:2). The predicted polypeptide precursor is 411 amino acids long, a type I transmembrane protein, and has a calculated molecular weight of approximately 45 kDa. Hydropathy analysis (not 10 shown) suggested the presence of a signal sequence (residues 1-53), followed by an extracellular domain (residues 54-182), a transmembrane domain (residues 183-208), and an intracellular domain (residues 209-411) (Fig. 2A; SEQ ID NO:1). N-terminal amino acid sequence analysis of Apo-2-IgG expressed in 293 cells showed 15 that the mature polypeptide starts at amino acid residue 54, indicating that the actual signal sequence comprises residues 1-53. Apo-2 polypeptide is obtained or obtainable by expressing the molecule encoded by the cDNA insert of the deposited ATCC 209021 vector.

20 TNF receptor family proteins are typically characterized by the presence of multiple (usually four) cysteine-rich domains in their extracellular regions -- each cysteine-rich domain being approximately 45 amino acids long and containing approximately 6, regularly spaced, cysteine residues. Based on the crystal 25 structure of the type 1 TNF receptor, the cysteines in each domain typically form three disulfide bonds in which usually cysteines 1 and 2, 3 and 5, and 4 and 6 are paired together. Like DR4, Apo-2 contains two extracellular cysteine-rich pseudorepeats (Fig. 2A), whereas other identified mammalian TNFR family members contain 30 three or more such domains [Smith et al., Cell, 76:959 (1994)].

The cytoplasmic region of Apo-2 contains a death domain (amino acid residues 324-391 shown in Fig. 1; see also Fig. 2A) which shows significantly more amino acid sequence identity to the death domain of DR4 (64%) than to the death domain of TNFR1 (30%); 35 CD95 (19%); or Apo-3/DR3 (29%) (Fig. 2B). Four out of six death domain amino acids that are required for signaling by TNFR1 [Tartaglia et al., supra] are conserved in Apo-2 while the other two residues are semi-conserved (see Fig. 2B).

Based on an alignment analysis (using the ALIGN™ computer program) of the full-length sequence, Apo-2 shows more sequence identity to DR4 (55%) than to other apoptosis-linked receptors, such as TNFR1 (19%); CD95 (17%); or Apo-3 (also referred 5 to as DR3, WSL-1 or TRAMP) (29%).

EXAMPLE 2

A. Expression of Apo-2 ECD

A soluble extracellular domain (ECD) fusion construct was prepared. An Apo-2 ECD (amino acid residues 1-184 shown in 10 Figure 1) was obtained by PCR and fused to a C-terminal Flag epitope tag (Sigma). (The Apo-2 ECD construct included residues 183 and 184 shown in Figure 1 to provide flexibility at the junction, even though residues 183 and 184 are predicted to be in the transmembrane region). The Flag epitope-tagged molecule was then 15 inserted into pRK5, and expressed by transient transfection into human 293 cells (ATCC CRL 1573).

After a 48 hour incubation, the cell supernatants were collected and either used directly for co-precipitation studies (see Example 3) or subjected to purification of the Apo-2 ECD-Flag 20 by affinity chromatography on anti-Flag agarose beads, according to manufacturer's instructions (Sigma).

B. Expression of Apo-2 ECD as an Immunoadhesin

A soluble Apo-2 ECD immunoadhesin construct was prepared. The Apo-2 ECD (amino acids 1-184 shown in Fig. 1) was 25 fused to the hinge and Fc region of human immunoglobulin G₁ heavy chain in pRK5 as described previously [Ashkenazi et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 88:10535-10539 (1991)]. The immunoadhesin was expressed by transient transfection into human 293 cells and purified from cell supernatants by protein A affinity 30 chromatography, as described by Ashkenazi et al., supra.

EXAMPLE 3

Immunoprecipitation Assay Showing Binding Interaction

Between Apo-2 and Apo-2 Ligand

To determine whether Apo-2 and Apo-2L interact or 35 associate with each other, supernatants from mock-transfected 293 cells or from 293 cells transfected with Apo-2 ECD-Flag (described in Example 2 above) (5 ml) were incubated with 5 µg poly-histidine-tagged soluble Apo-2L [Pitti et al., supra] for 30 minutes at room

temperature and then analyzed for complex formation by a co-precipitation assay.

The samples were subjected to immunoprecipitation using 25 µl anti-Flag conjugated agarose beads (Sigma) or Nickel-conjugated agarose beads (Qiagen). After a 1.5 hour incubation at 5 4° C, the beads were spun down and washed four times in phosphate buffered saline (PBS). By using anti-Flag agarose, the Apo-2L was precipitated through the Flag-tagged Apo-2 ECD; by using Nickel-agarose, the Apo-2 ECD was precipitated through the His-tagged Apo-10 2L. The precipitated proteins were released by boiling the beads for 5 minutes in SDS-PAGE buffer, resolved by electrophoresis on 12% polyacrylamide gels, and then detected by immunoblot with anti-Apo-2L or anti-Flag antibody (2 µg/ml) as described in Marsters et al., J. Biol. Chem., (1997).

15 The results, shown in Figure 3, indicate that the Apo-2 ECD and Apo-2L can associate with each other.

The binding interaction was further analyzed by purifying Apo-2 ECD from the transfected 293 cell supernatants with 20 anti-Flag beads (see Example 2) and then analyzing the samples on a BIACORE™ instrument. The BIACORE™ analysis indicated a dissociation constant (K_d) of about 1 nM. BIACORE™ analysis also showed that the Apo-2 ECD is not capable of binding other apoptosis-inducing TNF family members, namely, TNF-alpha (Genentech, Inc., Pennica et al., Nature, 312:712 (1984), 25 lymphotoxin-alpha (Genentech, Inc.), or Fas/Apo-1 ligand (Alexis Biochemicals). The data thus shows that Apo-2 is a specific receptor for Apo-2L.

EXAMPLE 4

Induction of Apoptosis by Apo-2

30 Because death domains can function as oligomerization interfaces, over-expression of receptors that contain death domains may lead to activation of signaling in the absence of ligand [Frazer et al., supra, Nagata et al., supra]. To determine whether Apo-2 was capable of inducing cell death, human 293 cells or HeLa 35 cells (ATCC CCL 2.2) were transiently transfected by calcium phosphate precipitation (293 cells) or electroporation (HeLa cells) with a pRK5 vector or pRK5-based plasmids encoding Apo-2 and/or CrmA. When applicable, the total amount of plasmid DNA was

adjusted by adding vector DNA. Apoptosis was assessed 24 hours after transfection by morphology (Fig. 4A); DNA fragmentation (Fig. 4B); or by FACS analysis of phosphatydilserine exposure (Fig. 4C) as described in Marsters et al., *Curr. Biol.*, 6:1669 (1996). As shown in Figs. 4A and 4B, the Apo-2 transfected 293 cells underwent marked apoptosis.

For samples assayed by FACS, the HeLa cells were co-transfected with pRK5-CD4 as a marker for transfection and apoptosis was determined in CD4-expressing cells; FADD was co-transfected with the Apo-2 plasmid; the data are means \pm SEM of at least three experiments, as described in Marsters et al., *Curr. Biol.*, 6:1669 (1996). The caspase inhibitors, DEVD-fmk (Enzyme Systems) or z-VAD-fmk (Research Biochemicals Intl.) were added at 200 μ M at the time of transfection. As shown in Fig. 4C, the caspase inhibitors CrmA, DEVD-fmk, and z-VAD-fmk blocked apoptosis induction by Apo-2, indicating the involvement of Ced-3-like proteases in this response.

FADD is an adaptor protein that mediates apoptosis activation by CD95, TNFR1, and Apo-3/DR3 [Nagata et al., *supra*], but does not appear necessary for apoptosis induction by Apo-2L [Marsters et al., *supra*] or by DR4 [Pan et al., *supra*]. A dominant-negative mutant form of FADD, which blocks apoptosis induction by CD95, TNFR1, or Apo-3/DR3 [Frazer et al., *supra*; Nagata et al., *supra*; Chinnayian et al., *supra*] did not inhibit apoptosis induction by Apo-2 when co-transfected into HeLa cells with Apo-2 (Fig. 4C). These results suggest that Apo-2 signals apoptosis independently of FADD. Consistent with this conclusion, a glutathione-S-transferase fusion protein containing the Apo-2 cytoplasmic region did not bind to *in vitro* transcribed and translated FADD (data not shown).

EXAMPLE 5

Inhibition of Apo-2L Activity by Soluble Apo-2 ECD

Soluble Apo-2L (0.5 μ g/ml, prepared as described in Pitti et al., *supra*) was pre-incubated for 1 hour at room temperature with PBS buffer or affinity-purified Apo-2 ECD (5 μ g/ml) together with anti-Flag antibody (Sigma) (1 μ g/ml) and added to HeLa cells. After a 5 hour incubation, the cells were analyzed for apoptosis by FACS (as above) (Fig. 4D).

Apo-2L induced marked apoptosis in HeLa cells, and the soluble Apo-2 ECD was capable of blocking Apo-2L action (Fig. 4D), confirming a specific interaction between Apo-2L and Apo-2. Similar results were obtained with the Apo-2 ECD immunoadhesin (Fig. 4D). Dose-response analysis showed half-maximal inhibition at approximately 0.3 nM Apo-2 immunoadhesin (Fig. 4E).

EXAMPLE 6

Activation of NF-κB by Apo-2

An assay was conducted to determine whether Apo-2 activates NF-κB.

HeLa cells were transfected with pRK5 expression plasmids encoding full-length native sequence Apo-2, DR4 or Apo-3 and harvested 24 hours after transfection. Nuclear extracts were prepared and 1 µg of nuclear protein was reacted with a ³²P-labelled 15 NF-κB-specific synthetic oligonucleotide probe

ATCAGGGACTTTCCGCTGGGGACTTTCCG (SEQ ID NO:4) [see, also, MacKay et al., J. Immunol., 153:5274-5284 (1994)], alone or together with a 50-fold excess of unlabelled probe, or with an irrelevant ³²P-labelled synthetic oligonucleotide
20 AGGATGGGAAGTGTGTGATATATCCTTGAT (SEQ ID NO:5). In some samples, antibody to p65/RelA subunits of NF-κB (1 µg/ml; Santa Cruz Biotechnology) was added. DNA binding was analyzed by an electrophoretic mobility shift assay as described by Hsu et al., supra; Marsters et al., supra, and MacKay et al., supra.

25 The results are shown in Fig. 5. As shown in Fig. 5A, upon transfection into HeLa cells, both Apo-2 and DR4 induced significant NF-κB activation as measured by the electrophoretic mobility shift assay; the level of activation was comparable to activation observed for Apo-3/DR3. Antibody to the p65/RelA subunit of NF-κB inhibited the mobility of the NF-κB probe, implicating p65 in the response to all 3 receptors.

An assay was also conducted to determine if Apo-2L itself can regulate NF-κB activity. HeLa cells or MCF7 cells (human breast adenocarcinoma cell line, ATCC HTB 22) were treated with PBS 35 buffer, soluble Apo-2L (Pitti et al., supra) or TNF-alpha (Genentech, Inc., see Pennica et al., Nature, 312:721 (1984)) (1 µg/ml) and assayed for NF-κB activity as above. The results are

shown in Fig. 5B. The Apo-2L induced a significant NF- κ B activation in the treated HeLa cells but not in the treated MCF7 cells; the TNF-alpha induced a more pronounced activation in both cell lines. Several studies have disclosed that NF- κ B activation by TNF can 5 protect cells against TNF-induced apoptosis [Nagata, *supra*].

The effects of a NF- κ B inhibitor, ALLN (N-acetyl-Leu-Leu-norleucinal) and a transcription inhibitor, cyclohexamide, were also tested. The HeLa cells (plated in 6-well dishes) were preincubated with PBS buffer, ALLN (Calbiochem) (40 μ g/ml) or 10 cyclohexamide (Sigma) (50 μ g/ml) for 1 hour before addition of Apo-2L (1 μ g/ml). After a 5 hour incubation, apoptosis was analyzed by FACS (see Fig. 5C).

The results are shown in Fig. 5C. Both ALLN and cyclohexamide increased the level of Apo-2L-induced apoptosis in 15 the HeLa cells. The data indicates that Apo-2L can induce protective NF- κ B-dependent genes. The data also indicates that Apo-2L is capable of activating NF- κ B in certain cell lines and that both Apo-2 and DR4 may mediate that function.

EXAMPLE 7

Expression of Apo-2 in Mammalian Tissues

A. Northern Blot Analysis

Expression of Apo-2 mRNA in human tissues was examined by Northern blot analysis. Human RNA blots were hybridized to a 4.6 kilobase 32 P-labelled DNA probe based on the full length Apo-2 25 cDNA; the probe was generated by digesting the pRK5-Apo-2 plasmid with EcoRI. Human fetal RNA blot MTN (Clontech), human adult RNA blot MTN-II (Clontech), and human cancer cell line RNA blot (Clontech) were incubated with the DNA probes. Blots were incubated with the probes in hybridization buffer (5X SSPE; 2X 30 Denhardt's solution; 100 mg/mL denatured sheared salmon sperm DNA; 50% formamide; 2% SDS) for 60 hours at 42°C. The blots were washed several times in 2X SSC; 0.05% SDS for 1 hour at room temperature, followed by a 30 minute wash in 0.1X SSC; 0.1% SDS at 50°C. The blots were developed after overnight exposure.

35 As shown in Fig. 6A, a predominant mRNA transcript of approximately 4.6kb was detected in multiple tissues. Expression was relatively high in fetal and adult liver and lung, and in adult

ovary and peripheral blood leukocytes (PBL), while no mRNA expression was detected in fetal and adult brain. Intermediate levels of expression were seen in adult colon, small intestine, testis, prostate, thymus, pancreas, kidney, skeletal muscle, 5 placenta, and heart. Several adult tissues that express Apo-2, e.g., PBL, ovary, and spleen, have been shown previously to express DR4 [Pan et al., supra], however, the relative levels of expression of each receptor mRNA appear to be different.

As shown in Fig. 6B, Apo-2 mRNA was expressed relatively 10 high in 6 of 8 human cancer cell lines examined, namely, HL60 promyelocytic leukemia, HeLa S3 cervical carcinoma, K562 chronic myelogenous leukemia, SW 480 colorectal adenocarcinoma, A549 lung carcinoma, and G361 melanoma. There was also detectable expression 15 in Burkitt's lymphoma (Raji) cells. Thus, Apo-2 may be useful as a target for inducing apoptosis in cancer cells from lymphoid as well as non-lymphoid tumors.

B. In Situ Hybridization

Expression of Apo-2 in normal and in cancerous human tissues was examined by *in situ* hybridization. In addition, 20 several different chimp and rhesus monkey tissues were examined for Apo-2 expression. These tissues included: human fetal tissues (E12-E16 weeks) - placenta, umbilical cord, liver, kidney, adrenal gland, thyroid, lung, heart, great vessels, esophagus, stomach, 25 small intestine, spleen, thymus, pancreas, brain, eye, spinal cord, body wall, pelvis and lower limb; adult human tissues - kidney, bladder, adrenal gland, spleen, lymph node, pancreas, lung, skin, retina, liver; chimp tissues - salivary gland, stomach, thyroid, parathyroid, tongue, thymus, ovary, lymph node, and peripheral nerve; rhesus monkey tissues - cerebral cortex, hippocampus, 30 cerebellum and penis; human tumor tissue - lung adenocarcinoma, testis, lung carcinoma, breast carcinoma, fibroadenoma, soft tissue sarcoma.

Tissue samples were paraffin-embedded and sectioned. Later, the sectioned tissues were deparaffinized and the slides 35 placed in water. The slides were rinsed twice for five minutes at room temperature in 2X SSC. After rinsing, the slides were placed in 20 µg/ml proteinase K (in RNase-free buffer) for 15 minutes at 37 °C (for fetal tissues) or 8X proteinase K for 30 minutes at 37 °C

(for formalin tissues). The slides were then rinsed again in 0.5X SSC and dehydrated. Prior to hybridization, the slides were placed in a plastic box lined with buffer (4X SSC, 50% formamide)-saturated filter paper. The tissues were covered with 50 μ l hybridization buffer (3.75g Dextran sulfate plus 6 ml water; vortexed and heated for 2 minutes; cooled on ice and 18.75 ml formamide, 3.75 ml 20X SSC and 9 ml water added) and incubated at 42 °C for 1 to 4 hours.

Hybridization was conducted using a 33 P-labelled probe consisting of nucleotides 706-1259 of SEQ ID NO:2. The probe was added to the slides in hybridization buffer and incubated overnight at 55 °C. Multiple washing steps were then performed sequentially as follows: twice for 10 minutes at room temperature in 2X SSC, EDTA buffer (400 ml 20X SSC, 16 ml 0.25M EDTA); once for 30 minutes at 37 °C in 20 μ g/ml RNase A; twice for 10 minutes at room temperature in 2X SSC, EDTA buffer; once for 2 hours at 55 °C in 0.1X SSC, EDTA buffer; twice for 10 minutes at room temperature in 0.5X SSC. Dehydration was performed for 2 minutes each in 50%, 70%, 90% EtOH containing 0.3 M NH₄AC. Finally, the slides were air-dried for 2 hours and exposed to film.

Expression of Apo-2 in the fetal tissues appeared strongest over hepatocytes in liver, developing glomeruli in kidney, adrenal cortex, and epithelium of gastrointestinal tract. Moderate expression was observed over epithelial cells in lung and at sites of vascularization of a bone growth plate. A relatively low level expression was observed over thyroid epithelial cells and cells in cardiac ventricles. Expression was observed over lymphoid cells in the thymic medulla, developing lymph glands and placenta cytotrophoblast cells.

Expression of Apo-2 in adult tissues was observed over resting oocytes in primordial follicles and low levels over granulosa cells of developing follicles in chimp ovary. Expression was observed in cirrhotic livers over hepatocytes at the edge of nodules (i.e., area of damage, normal adult liver was negative). Other tissues were negative for expression.

In the cancer tissues examined, Apo-2 expression was found in two lung adenocarcinomas and two germ cell tumors of the testis. Two additional lung carcinomas (one squamous) were

negative. One of five breast carcinomas was positive (there was expression in normal breast tissue). In a fibroadenoma, there appeared to be expression over both epithelial and stromal elements. A soft tissue sarcoma was also positive. Other tissues 5 examined were negative.

EXAMPLE 8

Chromosomal Localization of the Apo-2 gene

Chromosomal localization of the human Apo-2 gene was examined by radiation hybrid (RH) panel analysis. RH mapping was 10 performed by PCR using a human-mouse cell radiation hybrid panel (Research Genetics) and primers based on the coding region of the Apo-2 cDNA [Gelb et al., Hum. Genet., 98:141 (1996)]. Analysis of the PCR data using the Stanford Human Genome Center Database indicates that Apo-2 is linked to the marker D8S481, with an LOD of 15 11.05; D8S481 is linked in turn to D8S2055, which maps to human chromosome 8p21. A similar analysis of DR4 showed that DR4 is linked to the marker D8S2127 (with an LOD of 13.00), which maps also to human chromosome 8p21.

To Applicants' present knowledge, to date, no other 20 member of the TNFR gene family has been located to chromosome 8.

EXAMPLE 9

Preparation of Monoclonal Antibodies Specific for Apo-2

Balb/c mice (obtained from Charles River Laboratories) were immunized by injecting 0.5 μ g/50 μ l of an Apo-2 ECD immunoadhesin 25 protein (diluted in MPL-TDM adjuvant purchased from Ribi Immunochemical Research Inc., Hamilton, MT) 11 times into each hind foot pad at 3-4 day intervals. The Apo-2 ECD immunoadhesin protein was generated by fusing an extracellular domain sequence of Apo-2 (amino acids 1-184 shown in Fig. 1) to the hinge and Fc region of 30 human immunoglobulin G₁ heavy chain in pRK5 as described previously [Ashkenazi et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 88:10535-10539 (1991)]. The immunoadhesin protein was expressed by transient transfection into human 293 cells and purified from cell supernatants by protein A affinity chromatography, as described by Ashkenazi et al., supra 35 (See also Example 2B above).

Three days after the final boost, popliteal lymph nodes were removed from the mice and a single cell suspension was prepared in DMEM media (obtained from Biowhitakker Corp.)

supplemented with 1% penicillin-streptomycin. The lymph node cells were then fused with murine myeloma cells P3X63AgU.1 (ATCC CRL 1597) using 35% polyethylene glycol and cultured in 96-well culture plates. Hybridomas resulting from the fusion were selected in HAT medium. Ten days after the fusion, hybridoma culture supernatants were screened in an ELISA to test for the presence of monoclonal antibodies binding to the Apo-2 ECD immunoadhesin protein.

In the ELISA, 96-well microtiter plates (Maxisorb; Nunc, Kamstrup, Denmark) were coated by adding 50 µl of 2 µg/ml goat anti-human IgG Fc (purchased from Cappel Laboratories) in PBS to each well and incubating at 4°C overnight. The plates were then washed three times with wash buffer (PBS containing 0.05% Tween 20). The wells in the microtiter plates were then blocked with 50 µl of 2.0% bovine serum albumin in PBS and incubated at room temperature for 1 hour. The plates were then washed again three times with wash buffer.

After the washing step, 50 µl of 0.4 µg/ml Apo-2 ECD immunoadhesin protein (as described above) in assay buffer was added to each well. The plates were incubated for 1 hour at room temperature on a shaker apparatus, followed by washing three times with wash buffer.

Following the wash steps, 100 µl of the hybridoma supernatants or purified antibody (using Protein A-sepharose columns) (1 µg/ml) was added to designated wells in the presence of CD4-IgG. 100 µl of P3X63AgU.1 myeloma cell conditioned medium was added to other designated wells as controls. The plates were incubated at room temperature for 1 hour on a shaker apparatus and then washed three times with wash buffer.

Next, 50 µl HRP-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG Fc (purchased from Cappel Laboratories), diluted 1:1000 in assay buffer (0.5% bovine serum albumin, 0.05% Tween-20, 0.01% Thimersol in PBS), was added to each well and the plates incubated for 1 hour at room temperature on a shaker apparatus. The plates were washed three times with wash buffer, followed by addition of 50 µl of substrate (TMB microwell peroxidase substrate, Kirkegaard & Perry, Gaithersburg, MD) to each well and incubation at room temperature for 10 minutes. The reaction was stopped by adding 50 µl of TMB 1-

component stop solution (diethyl glycol, Kirkegaard & Perry) to each well, and absorbance at 450 nm was read in an automated microtiter plate reader.

Of the hybridoma supernatants screened in the ELISA, 22 supernatants tested positive (calculated as approximately 4 times above background). The supernatants testing positive in the ELISA were further analyzed by FACS analysis using 9D cells (a human B lymphoid cell line expressing Apo-2; Genentech, Inc.) and FITC-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG. For this analysis, 25 μ l of cells suspended (at 4×10^6 cells/ml) in cell sorter buffer (PBS containing 1% FCS and 0.02% NaN₃) were added to U-bottom microtiter wells, mixed with 100 μ l of culture supernatant or purified antibody (purified on Protein A-sepharose columns) (10 μ g /ml) in cell sorter buffer, and incubated for 30 minutes on ice. The cells were then washed and incubated with 100 μ l FITC-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG for 30 minutes at 4°C. Cells were then washed twice, resuspended in 150 μ l of cell sorter buffer and then analyzed by FACScan (Becton Dickinson, Mountain View, CA). FACS analysis showed 8/22 supernatants were positive for anti-Apo-2 antibodies.

Figure 7 shows the FACS staining of 9D cells incubated with one of the Apo-2 antibodies, referred to as 3F11.39.7. As shown in Figure 7, the 3F11.39.7 antibody recognizes the Apo-2 receptor expressed in 9D cells.

EXAMPLE 10

Assay for Ability of Apo-2 Abs to Agonistically induce Apoptosis

Hybridoma supernatants and purified antibodies (as described in Example 9 above) were tested for activity to induce Apo-2 mediated 9D cell apoptosis. The 9D cells (5×10^5 cells/0.1ml) were incubated with varying concentrations of antibodies in 100 μ l complete RPMI media at 4°C for 15 minutes. The cells were then incubated for 5 minutes at 37°C and 10 μ g of goat anti-mouse IgG Fc antibody (Cappel Laboratories) in 300 μ l of complete RPMI was added to some of the cell samples. At this point, the cells were incubated overnight at 37°C and in the presence of 7% CO₂. The cells were then harvested and washed once with PBS. The viability of the cells was determined by staining of

FITC-annexin V binding to phosphatidylserine according to manufacturer recommendations (Clontech). The cells were washed in PBS and resuspended in 200 µl binding buffer. Ten µl of annexin-V-FITC (1 µg/ml) and 10 µl of propidium iodide were added to the 5 cells. After incubation for 15 minutes in the dark, the 9D cells were analyzed by FACS.

As shown in Figure 8, the 3F11.39.7 antibody (in the absence of the goat anti-mouse IgG Fc) induced apoptosis in the 9D cells as compared to the control antibodies. Agonistic activity, 10 however, was enhanced by Apo-2 receptor cross-linking in the presence of the goat anti-mouse IgG Fc (see Figure 9). This enhanced apoptosis (Figure 9) by the combination of antibodies is comparable to the apoptotic activity of Apo-2L in 9D cells (data not shown).

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EXAMPLE 11Assay for Antibody Ability to Block Apo-2 ligand-induced Apoptosis

Hybridoma supernatants and purified antibodies (as described in Example 9 above) were tested for activity to block 20 Apo-2 ligand induced 9D cell apoptosis. The 9D cells (5×10^5 cells/0.1ml) were suspended in complete RPMI media (RPMI plus 10%FCS, glutamine, nonessential amino acids, penicillin, streptomycin, sodium pyruvate) and placed into individual Falcon 2052 tubes. Cells were then incubated with 10 µg of antibodies in 25 200 µl media for 15 minutes on ice. 0.2 ml of Apo-2 ligand (2.5 µg/ml) (soluble His-tagged Apo-2L prepared as described in WO 97/25428; see also Pitti et al., supra) was suspended into complete RPMI media, and then added into the tubes containing the 9D cells. The 9D cells were incubated overnight at 37°C and in the presence of 30 7% CO₂. The incubated cells were then harvested and washed once with PBS. The viability of the cells was determined by staining of FITC-annexin V binding to phosphatidylserine according to manufacturer recommendations (Clontech). Specifically, the cells were washed in PBS and resuspended in 200 µl binding buffer. Ten µl 35 of annexin-V-FITC (1 µg/ml) and 10 µl of propidium iodide were added to the cells. After incubation for 15 minutes in the dark, the 9D cells were analyzed by FACS.

The results are shown in Figure 10. Since 9D cells express more than one receptor for Apo-2L, Apo-2L can induce apoptosis in the 9D cells by interacting with either Apo-2 or the DR4 receptor. Thus, to detect any blocking activity of the Apo-2 antibodies, the interaction between DR4 and Apo-2L needed to be blocked. In combination with the anti-DR4 antibody, 4H6.17.8 (ATCC HB-12455), the Apo-2 antibody 3F11.39.7 was able to block approximately 50% of apoptosis induced by Apo-2L. The remaining approximately 50% apoptotic activity is believed to be due to the agonistic activities of these two antibodies by themselves, as shown in Figure 10. Accordingly, it is believed that the 3F11.39.7 antibody is a blocking Apo-2 antibody or an antibody which binds Apo-2 in a mode which competes with binding of Apo-2 ligand to Apo-2.

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EXAMPLE 12ELISA Assay to Test Binding of Apo-2 Antibodies to Other Apo-2 Ligand Receptors

An ELISA was conducted to determine if the monoclonal antibody described in Example 9 was able to bind other known Apo-2L receptors beside Apo-2. Specifically, the 3F11.39.7 antibody was tested for binding to DR4 [Pan et al., supra], DcR1 [Sheridan et al., supra], and DcR2 [Marsters et al., Curr. Biol., 7:1003-1006 (1997)]. The ELISA was performed essentially as described in Example 9 above.

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The results are shown in Figure 11. The Apo-2 antibody 3F11.39.7 bound to Apo-2. The 3F11.39.7 antibody also showed some cross-reactivity to DR4, but not to DcR1 or DcR2.

EXAMPLE 13Antibody Isotyping

30 The isotype of the 3F11.39.7 antibody (as described above) was determined by coating microtiter plates with isotype specific goat anti-mouse Ig (Fisher Biotech, Pittsburgh, PA) overnight at 4°C. The plates were then washed with wash buffer (as described in Example 9 above). The wells in the microtiter plates 35 were then blocked with 200 µl of 2% bovine serum albumin (BSA) and incubated at room temperature for one hour. The plates were washed again three times with wash buffer. Next, 100 µl of 5 µg/ml of purified 3F11.39.7 antibody was added to designated wells. The

plates were incubated at room temperature for 30 minutes and then 50 µl HRP-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG (as described above) was added to each well. The plates were incubated for 30 minutes at room temperature. The level of HRP bound to the plate was detected 5 using HRP substrate as described above.

The isotyping analysis showed that the 3F11.39.7 antibody is an IgG1 antibody.

EXAMPLE 14

Single-Chain Apo-2 Antibodies

10 A. Antibody Phage Selection using streptavidin-coated paramagnetic beads

A phage library was selected using soluble biotinylated antigen and streptavidin-coated paramagnetic beads. The antigen, an Apo-2 ECD immunoadhesin prepared as described in Example 2B 15 above, was biotinylated using IMMUNOPURE NHS-biotin (biotiny-N-hydroxy-succinimide, Pierce) according to manufacturer's instructions.

Two panning experiments were performed. The first experiment was designed to isolate phage clones specific for Apo-2 20 and which did not cross react with DR4 or DcR1. Three rounds of panning were carried out. For the first round, 10 µl of the Cambridge Antibody Technologies phage library were blocked with 1 ml of MPBST (3% dry milk powder, 1X PBS, 0.2% TWEEN) containing 800 µg of CD4-Ig, 300 µg DR4-Ig, and 200 µg of DcR1-Ig for 1 hour on a 25 rotating wheel at room temperature (CD4-Ig, DR4, and DcR1 are described in Capon et al., Nature, 337:525 (1989); Pan et al., supra; and Sheridan et al., supra). Biotinylated Apo-2 ECD immunoadhesin was then added to a final concentration of 100 nM, and phage were allowed to bind antigen for 1 hour at 37 °C. 30 Meanwhile, 300 µl of DYNABEADS M-280, coated with streptavidin (DYNAL) were washed 3 times with 1 ml MPBST (using a DYNAL Magnetic Particle Concentrator) and then blocked for 2 hours at 37 °C with 1 ml fresh MPBST on a rotator. The beads were collected with the MPC, resuspended in 50 µl of MPBST, and added to the phage-plus- 35 antigen solution. Mixing continued on a wheel at room temperature for 15 minutes. The DYNABEADS and attached phage were then washed

a total of 7 times: 3 times with 1 ml PBS-TWEEN, once with MPBS, followed by 3 times with PBS.

Phage were eluted from the beads by incubating 5 minutes at room temperature with 300 μ l of 100 mM triethylamine. The 5 phage-containing supernatant was removed and neutralized with 150 μ l of 1 M Tris-HCl (pH 7.4). Neutralized phage were used to infect mid-log TG1 host cells and plated on 2YT agar supplemented with 2% glucose and 100 μ g/ml carbenicillin. After overnight growth at 30 °C, colonies were scraped into 10 ml 2YT. 50 μ l of this solution 10 was used to inoculate 25 ml of 2YT with carbenicillin and glucose and incubated, shaking, for 2 hours at 37 °C. Helper phage M13KO7 (Pharmacia) were added at a m.o.i. of 10. After adsorption, the cells were pelleted and resuspended in 25 ml of 2YT with carbenicillin (100 μ g/ml) and kanamycin (50 μ g/ml) and growth 15 continued at 30 °C for 4 hours. *E. coli* were removed from the phage by centrifugation, and 1 ml of these phage (approximately 10^{12} c.f.u.) were used in subsequent rounds of selection.

For the second round of selection, the 1 ml of harvested phage was adjusted to 3% dry milk, 1X PBS, 0.2% Tween and then 100 20 μ g DR4-Ig, 65 μ g DcR1-Ig, and 500 μ g of CD4-Ig were added for blocking. For selection, biotinylated Apo-2 was added at 10 nM. Washing stringency was increased to two cycles of 7 washes.

For the third round of selection, phage were blocked 25 with only MPBST. Biotinylated Apo-2 was added to 1 nM, and washing stringency was increased to three cycles of 7 washes. Relatively few clones were obtained in this round; therefore Pan 2B, Round 3 was performed using 5 nM of biotinylated Apo-2 with all other conditions repeated as before.

A second panning experiment was performed similarly as 30 above except that in Rounds 1 and 2, blocking of phage solutions was conducted with MPBST containing 1.0 mg/ml CD4-Ig (no other immunoadhesins) and Round 3 was blocked with MPBST only. Biotinylated Apo-2 was added at 200 nM in Round 1, 60 nM in Round 35 2, and 12 nM in Round 3. At each round, phage were eluted from the magnetic beads with 300 μ l of 100 nM triethylamine, then with 300 μ l 0.1 M Tris-HCl (pH 7.5), and then with 300 μ l glycine-0.1 M HCl (pH

2.2) containing 1 mg/ml BSA. The phage obtained from the three sequential elutions were pooled and used to infect host strain TG1 as above.

B. ELISA screening of selected clones

5 After each round of selection, individual carbenicillin-resistant colonies were screened by ELISA to identify those producing Apo-2-binding phage. Only those clones which were positive in two or more assay formats were further studied.

10 Individual clones were inoculated into 2TY with 2% glucose and 100 µg/ml carbenicillin in 96-well tissue culture plates and grown until turbid. Cultures were then infected at a m.o.i. of 10 with M12KO7 helper phage, and infected cells were transferred to 2YT media containing carbenicillin (100 µg/ml) and 15 kanamycin (50 µg/ml) for growth overnight at 30°C with gentle shaking.

20 NUNC MAXISORP microtiter plates were coated with 50 µl per well of Apo-2 ECD immunoadhesin, or CD4-IgG, at 2 µg/ml in 50 mM carbonate buffer (pH 9.6), at 4°C overnight. After removing antigen, plates were blocked with 3% dry milk in PBS (MPBS) for 2 hours at room temperature.

25 Phage cultures were centrifuged and 100 µl of phage-containing supernatants were blocked with 20 µl of 6 x PBS / 18% dry milk for 1 hour at room temperature. Block was removed from titer plates and blocked phage added and allowed to bind for 1 hour at room temperature. After washing, phage were detected with a 1:5000 dilution of horseradish peroxidase-conjugated anti-M13 antibody (Pharmacia) in MPBS followed by 3',3',5',5'-tetramethylbenzidine (TMB). Reactions were stopped by the 30 addition of H₂SO₄ and readings taken by subtracting the A_{405nm} from the A_{450nm}.

C. DNA fingerprinting of clones

The diversity of Apo-2-binding clones was determined by PCR amplifying the scFv insert using primers pUC19R (5'AGC GGA TAA 35 CAA TTT CAC ACA GG 3') (SEQ. ID. NO:12) which anneals upstream of

the leader sequence and fdtetseq (5'GTC GTC TTT CCA GAC GGT AGT 3') (SEQ. ID. NO:13) which anneals in the 5' end of gene III, followed by digestion with the frequent-cutting restriction enzyme BstNI.

5 DNA Fingerprinting: Protocol

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|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| Mix A: | dH2O | 67 µl |
| | 10 x ampliTaq buffer | 10 |
| | 25 mM MgCl ₂ | 10 |
| | DMSO, 50% | 2 |
| 10 | forward primer | 1 |
| | | |
| Mix B: | 2.5 mM dNTPs | 8 µl |
| | AMPLITAQ | 0.5 |
| | reverse primer | 1.0 |

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90 µl of Mix A was placed in a reaction tube and then inoculated with a very small portion of *E. coli* colony using a yellow tip. The reaction mix was then heated in a PCR block to 98°C, for 3 minutes, removed, and placed on ice. 10 µl Mix B was then added and the reaction mix was thermocycled at 95° C, 30 sec, 55°C 30 sec, 72°C 1 minute 20 sec, for 25 cycles in a Perkin Elmer 2400 thermocycler. 10 µl of the resultant reaction product was then removed and run on a 1% agarose gel to test for a 1 kB band. The remaining mix was brought to 1 x BstNI reaction buffer, 5 units BstNI was added and the DNA was allowed to digest for 2 hours at 60°C. The resultant samples were then electrophoresed on a GeneGel Excel 12.5% acrylamide gel (Pharmacia Biotech).

D. Sequencing of clones

The nucleotide sequence of representative clones of each fingerprint pattern were obtained. Colonies were inoculated into 50 ml of LB medium supplemented with 2% glucose and 100 µg/ml carbenicillin, and grown overnight at 30°C. DNA was isolated using Qiagen Tip-100s and the manufacturer's protocol and cycle sequenced with fluorescent dideoxy chain terminators (Applied Biosystems). Samples were run on an Applied Biosystems 373A Automated DNA Sequencer and sequences analyzed using the program "Sequencher" (Gene Codes Corporation). The nucleotides sequences

of selected antibodies 16E2, 20E6 and 24C4 are shown in SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, and SEQ ID NO:8, respectively, (in Figures 15A, 15B and 15C respectively). The corresponding amino acid sequences of antibodies 16E2, 20E6 and 24C4 are shown in SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, and SEQ ID NO:11, respectively (and in Figure 16). In addition, Figure 16 identifies the signal region, and heavy and light chain complementarity determining regions (underlined) of these scFv molecules. The CDR regions shown in Figure 16 were assigned according to the methods of Kabat et al., "Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest," NIH Publ. No. 91-3242, 5th Edition.

E. Purification of scFvs with (his)₆

For protein purification of soluble antibody, *E. coli* strain 33D3 was transformed with phagemid DNA. Five ml of 2YT with carbenicillin and glucose was used to grow overnight cultures at 30°C. 2.5 ml of these cultures were diluted into 250 ml of the same media and grown to an OD₆₀₀ of approximately 1.2. The cells were pelleted and resuspended in 500 ml of 2YT containing IPTG (1 mM) and carbenicillin (100 µg/ml) to induce expression and grown for a further 16 hours at 22°C. Cell pellets were harvested and frozen at -20°C.

The antibodies were purified by immobilized metal chelate affinity chromatography (IMAC). Frozen pellets were resuspended in 10 ml of ice-cold shockate buffer (25 mM TRIS-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, 500 mM NaCl, 20% sucrose, 1 mM PMSF) by shaking on ice for 1 hour. Imidazole was added to 20 mM, and cell debris removed by centrifugation. The supernatants were adjusted to 1mM MgCl₂ and 50 mM phosphate buffer pH 7.5. Ni-NTA agarose resin from Qiagen was used according to the manufacturer's instructions. The resin was equilibrated with 50 mM sodium phosphate buffer pH 7.5, 500 mM NaCl, 20 mM imidazole, and the shockate added. Binding occurred in either a batch mode or on a gravity flow column. The resin was then washed twice with 10 bed volumes of equilibration buffer, and twice with buffer containing imidazole increased to 50mM. Elution of proteins was with 50 mM phosphate buffer pH 7.5, 500 mM NaCl and 250 mM imidazole. Excess salt and imidazole was

removed on a PD-10 column (Pharmacia), and proteins were concentrated using a Centricom 10 to a volume of about 1 ml.

Concentration was estimated spectrophotometrically assuming an A_{280 nm} of 1.0 = 0.6 mg/ml.

5 F. Assays to determine binding specificity of anti-Apo-2 scFvs

To evaluate the specificity of each of the scFv clones, ELISA assays were performed to evaluate binding of 16E2, 20E6 and 24C4 to Apo-2 ECD-Ig, DR4-Ig, DcR1-Ig, DcR2-Ig and CD4-Ig 10 (described above and in Example 12).

In brief, NUNC ELISA plates were coated with 50 µl of a 1 µg/ml receptor-Ig immunoadhesin molecule in 0.05 M sodium carbonate buffer, pH 9.5, and allowed to incubate overnight at 4°C. Plates were then blocked with 285 µl ELISA diluent (PBS 15 supplemented with 0.5% BSA, 0.05% Tween 20, pH 7.4) for at least one hour at room temperature. 50 µl of the scFvs were added to the plates in a 1:5 serial dilution and allowed to incubate for 1 hour at room temperature. After this 1 hour dilution, the plates were washed 6 times with PBS/0.05% Tween. After binding to 20 antigen coated plates, soluble scFv was detected by adding 50 µl of 1 µg/ml Mab 9E10 (an anti-c-myc antibody; ATCC CRL 1729) per well and allowing the plates to incubate for 1 hour at room temperature. After washing the plates 6 times with PBS/0.05% Tween, 50 µl of a 1:5000 dilution of horseradish peroxidase- 25 conjugated anti-Murine IgG antibody (Cappel catalogue: 55569) in MPBS was added to the plates and allowed to incubate for 1 hour. An observable signal was generated by adding 50 µl of 3',3',5',5'-tetramethylbenzidine (TMB) peroxidase substrate (KPL catalogue #: 50-76-00). Reactions were stopped by the addition of H₂SO₄ and 30 readings taken by subtracting the A_{405nm} from the A_{450nm}.

As illustrated in Figures 12A, 12B and 12C, the ELISA assays showed that each of these antibodies exhibited a relatively high degree of specificity for Apo-2.

Additional assays utilizing transfected cells also 35 showed the specificity of 16E2 antibody for Apo-2. Specifically, immunohistochemistry experiments were performed to evaluate the binding specificity of the 16E2 antibody to Apo-2 and DR4-

transfected CHO cells. CHO cells were transfected with vector alone or vector containing the gene for Apo-2 or DR4. The transfected cells were removed from culture plates, pelleted, and washed twice with PBS. The pellets were then resuspended in 5 O.C.T. (Fisher), flash frozen in isopentain and LN₂, and later sectioned using standard protocols. Staining of the sectioned cells was performed using a Vectastain Elite ABC kit. The sections were incubated with either anti-Apo-2 antibody 16E2 or a negative control single chain antibody. The secondary antibody 10 employed was either a biotinylated anti-c-myc 9E10 antibody or anti-Penta His antibody (Qiagen) followed by biotinylated anti-mouse IgG.

This immunohistochemistry assay showed specific staining of the Apo-2-transfected cells but not the DR4-transfected cells. The cellular staining was predominantly cytoplasmic.

EXAMPLE 15

Assay for Ability of His-tagged scFvs to Agonistically induce Apoptosis

A. Annexin V-biotin/Streptavidin-[S-35] 96 Well Assays

Purified scFv antibodies (as described in Example 14 above) were tested for ability to induce Apo-2 mediated apoptosis.

In brief, SK-MES-1 cells (human lung carcinoma cell line; ATCC HTB 58) or HCT 116 cells (human colon carcinoma cell line; ATCC CCL 247) (4×10^4 cells/well) were aliquoted into 96 well plates in assay medium (1:1 mixture of phenol-red free Dulbecco modified Eagle medium and phenol-red free Ham's F-12 nutrient mixture supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum, 2 mM L-glutamine, 100 U/ml penicillin and 100 ug/ml streptomycin) and allowed to attach overnight at 37°C. The media was then removed and 0.1 ml of assay medium containing scFv at a final concentration of 50 ug/ml (16E2 or 20E6) was added to the wells (serial dilutions of 1:2 performed in the plates) and allowed to incubate for 1 hour at room temperature. Other single chain antibodies were used as negative controls: an anti-tissue factor scFv clone, 7D5, or a scFv referred to as 19B8. After the 1 hour incubation with scFv antibody, 0.1 ml of 10 ug/ml anti-His (Qiagen, cat. No. 1007671) or anti-c-myc antibodies were added to the appropriate wells. Wells not

receiving a crosslinking antibody received media alone. The plates were then allowed to incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature. After the 30 minutes incubation, 0.1 ml of 10 ug/ml goat anti-mouse IgG (ICN cst. No. 67-029) was added to the appropriate wells.

5 Wells not receiving anti-IgG antibody received media alone. The plates were then placed in an incubator for 15 minutes to allow the pH to return to 7.0. For positive controls, a 2 ug/ml solution of Apo-2 ligand (Apo-2L) (prepared as described in Example 11) in potassium phosphate buffer at pH 7.0 was added to the appropriate

10 wells, with serial 2 fold dilutions carried out in the plate. The negative control wells received media alone. The cells were then incubated overnight at 37°C in the presence of 5% CO₂. 0.05 ml of annexin V-biotin (1 ug/ml) in 2X Ca²⁺ binding buffer (NeXins B.V.) was then added to the wells and then allowed to mix on a shaker for

15 30 minutes. 0.05 ml of streptavidin-[S-35] (final concentration of 2.5 × 10⁴ cpm/well) (Amersham) in 2X Ca²⁺ binding buffer was then added to the wells and then allowed to mix on a shaker for 30 minutes. The plates were then sealed and centrifuged for 4 minutes at 1500 rpm. To assess the extent of apoptosis, the plates were

20 then counted on a Trialux Microbeta Counter (Wallace) to obtain cpm values corresponding to Annexin-V binding.

As shown in Figures 13C and 14B, the 16E2 and 20E6 antibodies agonistically induced apoptosis in SK-MES-1 cells.

B. Crystal Violet Assays

25 In addition to the annexin V-biotin/streptavidin-[S-35] assay described above, scFv antibodies (as described in Example 14 above) were tested for activity to induce Apo-2 mediated apoptosis via assays utilizing crystal violet.

In brief, the SK-MES-1 cells were plated at 4×10⁴ cells/well in assay medium (described in Section A above) and allowed to attach overnight at 37°C. The medium was removed and 0.1ml of assay medium containing scFv (as described in Section A above) at a final concentration of 50 µg/ml was added to the appropriate wells (wells without scFv added receive a media change). Selected wells received "pre-complexed" samples in which 10 ug/ml scFv 16E2 was combined with 100 ug/ml anti-His antibody for 5 hours at 4° C with continuous mixing before addition to the

plate. The plates were allowed to incubate for 1 hour at room temperature.

The scFv medium was removed and 0.1 ml of 10 µg/ml anti-His (Qiagen, cat. no. 1007671) or anti-c-myc antibodies diluted in assay medium was added to the wells (wells without crosslinker receive a media change.) The plates were then allowed to incubate for 30 minutes at room temperature.

The medium was then removed and 0.1 ml of 10 µg/ml Goat anti-Mouse IgG (Fc Fragment specific-ICN cst. no. 67-029) diluted in assay medium was added to the appropriate wells (wells without anti-Fc receive a media change). The plates were then placed in the incubator for 15 minutes to allow the pH to return to 7.0.

Apo-2L (stock at 100 µg/ml in potassium phosphate buffer pH 7.0) was diluted to 2 µg/ml and 0.1ml was added to the appropriate wells. Serial two-fold dilutions were carried down the plate. The plates were then incubated overnight at 37°C.

All medium was removed from the wells and the plates were then flooded with crystal violet solution. The plates were allowed to stain for 15 minutes. The crystal violet was removed by flooding the plates with running tap water. The plates were then allowed to dry overnight.

The plates were read on an SLT plate reader at 540nm and the data analyzed using an Excel macro and 4p-fit.

As shown in Figures 13A, 13B, 14A and 14B, the 16E2 and 20E6 antibodies agonistically induced apoptosis in SK-MES-1 cells.

EXAMPLE 16

Assay for Ability of gD-tagged scFvs to Agonistically Induce Apoptosis

A purified gD-tagged form of 16E2 scFv was tested for ability to induce Apo-2 mediated apoptosis in a crystal violet assay as described in Example 15 above.

A. Construction of scFv with gD tag

The Sfi I to Not I fragment of the scFv form of 16E2 was subcloned into a derivative of pAK19 (Carter et al., Methods:A Companion to Methods in Enzymology, 3:183-192 (1991)) containing the *phoA* promoter and stII signal sequence rather than the *lacZ* promoter and hybrid signal sequence of the original library. For ease of purification, a DNA fragment coding for 12 amino acids

(met-ala-asn-pro-asn-arg-phe-arg-gly-lys-asp-leu SEQ ID NO:14) derived from herpes simplex virus type 1 glycoprotein D (Lasky et al., DNA, 3:23-29 (1984)) was synthesized and inserted at the 3' end of the VL domain in place of the (his)₆ and c-myc epitope originally present in the Cambridge Antibody Technologies library clones.

B. Expression in *E. coli*

The plasmid containing the gene for scFv 16E2-gD was transformed into *E. coli* strain 33D3 for expression in shake flask cultures. 5 ml of 2YT with carbenicillin and glucose was used to grow overnight cultures at 30° C. 2.5 ml of these cultures were diluted into 250 ml of the same medium and grown to an OD₆₀₀ of approximately 1.0. The cells were pelleted and resuspended in 500 ml of Modified AP-5 Minimal Media containing carbenicillin (100 µg/ml) and grown for an additional 16 hours at 30° C. The cells were then pelleted and frozen.

C. Purification of scFv with gD tag

Frozen cell paste was resuspended at 1gm/10ml of shockate buffer (25 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA, 500 mM NaCl, 20% sucrose, 1 mM PMSF, pH 7.2) and gently agitated 4 hours on ice. The cell suspension was then processed through a Polytron microfluidizer (Brinkman). Cell debris was removed by centrifugation at 10,000 x g for 30 minutes. After filtration through a 0.22 micron filter, the supernatant was loaded onto an affinity column (2.5 x 9.0 cm) consisting of an anti-gD antibody 5B6 (Paborsky et al., Protein Engineering, 3:547-553 (1990)) coupled to CNBr Sepharose which had been equilibrated with PBS. The column was washed 18 hours with PBS until the absorbance of the column effluent was equivalent to baseline. All steps were done at 4° C at a linear flow rate of 25 cm/hour. Elution was performed with 0.1 M acetic acid, 0.5 M NaCl, pH 2.9. Column fractions were monitored by absorbance at 280 nm and peak fractions pooled, neutralized with 1.0 M Tris, pH 8.0, dialyzed against PBS and sterile filtered. The resultant protein preparations were analyzed by non-reducing SDS-PAGE.

D. Crystal Violet Assay

The apoptosis assay was performed essentially as described in Example 15(B) above except that samples were serially diluted 1:3 in the plates and the 16E2-gD tagged antibody was 5 tested in addition to two other preparations of 16E2 scFv (referred to as Prep. A and Prep. B in Figure 14C). The results of the assay showing apoptosis induction in SK-MES-1 cells by 16E2-gD antibody are illustrated in Figure 14C.

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10 Deposit of Material

The following materials have been deposited with the American Type Culture Collection, 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Virginia, USA (ATCC):

| Material | ATCC Dep. No. | Deposit Date |
|------------|---------------|------------------|
| pRK5-Apo-2 | 209021 | May 8, 1997 |
| 3F11.39.7 | HB-12456 | January 13, 1998 |

This deposit was made under the provisions of the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purpose of Patent Procedure and the 20 Regulations thereunder (Budapest Treaty). This assures maintenance of a viable culture of the deposit for 30 years from the date of deposit. The deposit will be made available by ATCC under the terms of the Budapest Treaty, and subject to an agreement between Genentech, Inc. and ATCC, which assures permanent and unrestricted 25 availability of the progeny of the culture of the deposit to the public upon issuance of the pertinent U.S. patent or upon laying open to the public of any U.S. or foreign patent application, whichever comes first, and assures availability of the progeny to one determined by the U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks 30 to be entitled thereto according to 35 USC Section 122 and the Commissioner's rules pursuant thereto (including 37 CFR Section 1.14 with particular reference to 886 OG 638).

The assignee of the present application has agreed that if a culture of the materials on deposit should die or be lost or 35 destroyed when cultivated under suitable conditions, the materials will be promptly replaced on notification with another of the same. Availability of the deposited material is not to be construed as a license to practice the invention in contravention of the rights

granted under the authority of any government in accordance with its patent laws.

The foregoing written specification is considered to be sufficient to enable one skilled in the art to practice the invention. The present invention is not to be limited in scope by the construct deposited, since the deposited embodiment is intended as a single illustration of certain aspects of the invention and any constructs that are functionally equivalent are within the scope of this invention. The deposit of material herein does not constitute an admission that the written description herein contained is inadequate to enable the practice of any aspect of the invention, including the best mode thereof, nor is it to be construed as limiting the scope of the claims to the specific illustrations that it represents. Indeed, various modifications of the invention in addition to those shown and described herein will become apparent to those skilled in the art from the foregoing description and fall within the scope of the appended claims.

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| | 35 | 40 | 45 |
| 5 | Leu Leu Leu Val Ser Ala Glu Ser Ala Leu Ile Thr Gln Gln Asp | | |
| | 50 | 55 | 60 |
| | Leu Ala Pro Gln Gln Arg Ala Ala Pro Gln Gln Lys Arg Ser Ser | | |
| | 65 | 70 | 75 |
| 10 | Pro Ser Glu Gly Leu Cys Pro Pro Gly His His Ile Ser Glu Asp | | |
| | 80 | 85 | 90 |
| 15 | Gly Arg Asp Cys Ile Ser Cys Lys Tyr Gly Gln Asp Tyr Ser Thr | | |
| | 95 | 100 | 105 |
| | His Trp Asn Asp Leu Leu Phe Cys Leu Arg Cys Thr Arg Cys Asp | | |
| | 110 | 115 | 120 |
| 20 | Ser Gly Glu Val Glu Leu Ser Pro Cys Thr Thr Thr Arg Asn Thr | | |
| | 125 | 130 | 135 |
| | Val Cys Gln Cys Glu Glu Gly Thr Phe Arg Glu Glu Asp Ser Pro | | |
| | 140 | 145 | 150 |
| 25 | Glu Met Cys Arg Lys Cys Arg Thr Gly Cys Pro Arg Gly Met Val | | |
| | 155 | 160 | 165 |
| 30 | Lys Val Gly Asp Cys Thr Pro Trp Ser Asp Ile Glu Cys Val His | | |
| | 170 | 175 | 180 |
| | Lys Glu Ser Gly Ile Ile Ile Gly Val Thr Val Ala Ala Val Val | | |
| | 185 | 190 | 195 |
| 35 | Leu Ile Val Ala Val Phe Val Cys Lys Ser Leu Leu Trp Lys Lys | | |
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| | Val Leu Pro Tyr Leu Lys Gly Ile Cys Ser Gly Gly Gly Asp | | |
| | 215 | 220 | 225 |
| 40 | Pro Glu Arg Val Asp Arg Ser Ser Gln Arg Pro Gly Ala Glu Asp | | |
| | 230 | 235 | 240 |
| 45 | Asn Val Leu Asn Glu Ile Val Ser Ile Leu Gln Pro Thr Gln Val | | |
| | 245 | 250 | 255 |
| | Pro Glu Gln Glu Met Glu Val Gln Glu Pro Ala Glu Pro Thr Gly | | |
| | 260 | 265 | 270 |
| 50 | Val Asn Met Leu Ser Pro Gly Glu Ser Glu His Leu Leu Glu Pro | | |
| | 275 | 280 | 285 |
| | Ala Glu Ala Glu Arg Ser Gln Arg Arg Arg Leu Leu Val Pro Ala | | |
| | 290 | 295 | 300 |
| 55 | Asn Glu Gly Asp Pro Thr Glu Thr Leu Arg Gln Cys Phe Asp Asp | | |
| | 305 | 310 | 315 |
| 60 | Phe Ala Asp Leu Val Pro Phe Asp Ser Trp Glu Pro Leu Met Arg | | |
| | 320 | 325 | 330 |
| | Lys Leu Gly Leu Met Asp Asn Glu Ile Lys Val Ala Lys Ala Glu | | |
| | 335 | 340 | 345 |

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:2:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 1799 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: Nucleic Acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:2:

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Cys Pro Pro Gly His His Ile Ser Glu Asp Gly Arg Asp
      85          90
  
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15 AGA AAC ACA GTG TGT CAG TGC GAA GAA GGC ACC TTC CGG 574
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25 CCC TGG AGT GAC ATC GAA TGT GTC CAC AAA GAA TCA GGC 691
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:3:

- 55 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 70 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: Nucleic Acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single
 60 (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:3:

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GCTAAAGCTG AGGCAGCGGG 70

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 29 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: Nucleic Acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

15 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:4:

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20 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:5:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 30 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: Nucleic Acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:6:

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- (A) LENGTH: 930 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: Nucleic Acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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| | Gln Ala Pro Gly Lys Gly Leu Glu Trp Val Ser Gly Ile | | |
| | 80 | 85 | 90 |
| 10 | AAT TGG AAT GGT GGT AGC ACA GGA TAT GCA GAC TCT GTG 309 | | |
| | Asn Trp Asn Gly Gly Ser Thr Gly Tyr Ala Asp Ser Val | | |
| | 95 | 100 | |
| 15 | AAG GGC CGA GTC ACC ATC TCC AGA GAC AAC GCC AAG AAC 348 | | |
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| | 105 | 110 | 115 |
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:7:

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 (A) LENGTH: 939 base pairs
 (B) TYPE: Nucleic Acid
 (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single
 (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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65 AAG GGC CGA TTC ACC ATC TCC AGA GAC AAC GCC AAG AAC 348
 Lys Gly Arg Phe Thr Ile Ser Arg Asp Asn Ala Lys Asn
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 55 GGT GCG GCC GCA CAT CAT CAC CAT CAC GGG GCC GCA 894
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 312
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 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 933 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: Nucleic Acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: Single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:8:

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| | Gly Phe Ile Phe Ser Ser Tyr Gly Met His Trp Val Arg |
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| | 80 85 90 |
| | TTT TAT GAT GGA GGT AAT AAA TAC TAT GCA GAC TCC GTG 309 |
| | Phe Tyr Asp Gly Gly Asn Lys Tyr Tyr Ala Asp Ser Val |
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 (A) LENGTH: 309 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: Amino Acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear
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 1 5 10 15
 55 Phe Asn Val Lys Lys Leu Leu Phe Ala Ile Pro Leu Val Val Pro
 20 25 30
 60 Phe Tyr Ala Ala Gln Pro Ala Met Ala Glu Val Gln Leu Val Gln
 35 40 45
 Ser Gly Gly Val Glu Arg Pro Gly Gly Ser Leu Arg Leu Ser
 50 55 60

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|----|---|-----|-----|
| | Cys Ala Ala Ser Gly Phe Thr Phe Asp Asp Tyr Gly Met Ser Trp | | |
| | 65 | 70 | 75 |
| 5 | Val Arg Gln Ala Pro Gly Lys Gly Leu Glu Trp Val Ser Gly Ile | | |
| | 80 | 85 | 90 |
| | Asn Trp Asn Gly Gly Ser Thr Gly Tyr Ala Asp Ser Val Lys Gly | | |
| | 95 | 100 | 105 |
| 10 | Arg Val Thr Ile Ser Arg Asp Asn Ala Lys Asn Ser Leu Tyr Leu | | |
| | 110 | 115 | 120 |
| 15 | Gln Met Asn Ser Leu Arg Ala Glu Asp Thr Ala Val Tyr Tyr Cys | | |
| | 125 | 130 | 135 |
| | Ala Lys Ile Leu Gly Ala Gly Arg Gly Trp Tyr Phe Asp Leu Trp | | |
| | 140 | 145 | 150 |
| 20 | Gly Lys Gly Thr Thr Val Val Ser Ser Gly Gly Gly Ser | | |
| | 155 | 160 | 165 |
| | Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Gly Gly Ser Ser Glu Leu Thr Gln | | |
| | 170 | 175 | 180 |
| 25 | Asp Pro Ala Val Ser Val Ala Leu Gly Gln Thr Val Arg Ile Thr | | |
| | 185 | 190 | 195 |
| 30 | Cys Gln Gly Asp Ser Leu Arg Ser Tyr Tyr Ala Ser Trp Tyr Gln | | |
| | 200 | 205 | 210 |
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| 35 | Asn Arg Pro Ser Gly Ile Pro Asp Arg Phe Ser Gly Ser Ser Ser | | |
| | 230 | 235 | 240 |
| | Gly Asn Thr Ala Ser Leu Thr Ile Thr Gly Ala Gln Ala Glu Asp | | |
| | 245 | 250 | 255 |
| 40 | Glu Ala Asp Tyr Tyr Cys Asn Ser Arg Asp Ser Ser Gly Asn His | | |
| | 260 | 265 | 270 |
| 45 | Val Val Phe Gly Gly Thr Lys Leu Thr Val Leu Gly Ala Ala | | |
| | 275 | 280 | 285 |
| | Ala His His His His Gly Ala Ala Glu Gln Lys Leu Ile | | |
| | 290 | 295 | 300 |
| 50 | Ser Glu Glu Asp Leu Asn Gly Ala Ala | | |
| | 305 | 309 | |

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:10:

55 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 312 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: Amino Acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

60 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:10:

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| 1 | 5 | 10 | 15 |

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|----|---|-----|-----|
| | Phe Asn Val Lys Lys Leu Leu Phe Ala Ile Pro Leu Val Val Pro | | |
| | 20 | 25 | 30 |
| 5 | Phe Tyr Ala Ala Gln Pro Ala Met Ala Gly Val Gln Leu Val Glu | | |
| | 35 | 40 | 45 |
| | Ser Gly Gly Leu Val Gln Pro Gly Gly Ser Leu Arg Leu Ser | | |
| | 50 | 55 | 60 |
| 10 | Cys Ala Ala Ser Gly Phe Thr Phe Ser Ser Tyr Trp Met Ser Trp | | |
| | 65 | 70 | 75 |
| | Val Arg Gln Ala Pro Gly Lys Gly Leu Glu Trp Val Ala Asn Ile | | |
| 15 | 80 | 85 | 90 |
| | Lys Gln Asp Gly Ser Glu Lys Tyr Tyr Val Asp Ser Val Lys Gly | | |
| | 95 | 100 | 105 |
| 20 | Arg Phe Thr Ile Ser Arg Asp Asn Ala Lys Asn Ser Leu Tyr Leu | | |
| | 110 | 115 | 120 |
| | Gln Met Asn Ser Leu Arg Ala Glu Asp Thr Ala Val Tyr Tyr Cys | | |
| | 125 | 130 | 135 |
| 25 | Ala Arg Asp Leu Leu Lys Val Lys Gly Ser Ser Ser Gly Trp Phe | | |
| | 140 | 145 | 150 |
| | Asp Pro Trp Gly Arg Gly Thr Thr Val Thr Val Ser Ser Gly Gly | | |
| 30 | 155 | 160 | 165 |
| | Gly Gly Ser Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Gly Gly Ser Ser Glu | | |
| | 170 | 175 | 180 |
| 35 | Leu Thr Gln Asp Pro Ala Val Ser Val Ala Leu Gly Gln Thr Val | | |
| | 185 | 190 | 195 |
| | Arg Ile Thr Cys Gln Gly Asp Ser Leu Arg Ser Tyr Tyr Ala Ser | | |
| | 200 | 205 | 210 |
| 40 | Trp Tyr Gln Gln Lys Pro Gly Gln Ala Pro Val Leu Val Ile Tyr | | |
| | 215 | 220 | 225 |
| | Gly Lys Asn Asn Arg Pro Ser Gly Ile Pro Asp Arg Phe Ser Gly | | |
| 45 | 230 | 235 | 240 |
| | Ser Ser Ser Gly Asn Thr Ala Ser Leu Thr Ile Thr Gly Ala Gln | | |
| | 245 | 250 | 255 |
| 50 | Ala Glu Asp Glu Ala Asp Tyr Tyr Cys Asn Ser Arg Asp Ser Ser | | |
| | 260 | 265 | 270 |
| | Gly Asn His Val Val Phe Gly Gly Thr Lys Leu Thr Val Leu | | |
| | 275 | 280 | 285 |
| 55 | Gly Ala Ala Ala His His His His His Gly Ala Ala Glu Gln | | |
| | 290 | 295 | 300 |
| | Lys Leu Ile Ser Glu Glu Asp Leu Asn Gly Ala Ala | | |
| 60 | 305 | 310 | 312 |

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:11:

- (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
 (A) LENGTH: 310 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: Amino Acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

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| | 1 | | | | 5 | | | | | 10 | | | | | 15 | |
| 10 | Phe | Asn | Val | Lys | Lys | Leu | Leu | Phe | Ala | Ile | Pro | Leu | Val | Val | Pro | |
| | | | | | 20 | | | | | | 25 | | | | 30 | |
| 15 | Phe | Tyr | Ala | Ala | Gln | Pro | Ala | Met | Ala | Gln | Val | Gln | Leu | Val | Gln | |
| | | | | | 35 | | | | | 40 | | | | | 45 | |
| 20 | Ser | Gly | Gly | Gly | Val | Val | Gln | Pro | Gly | Arg | Ser | Leu | Arg | Leu | Ser | |
| | | | | | 50 | | | | | 55 | | | | | 60 | |
| 25 | Cys | Ala | Ala | Ser | Gly | Phe | Ile | Phe | Ser | Ser | Tyr | Gly | Met | His | Trp | |
| | | | | | 65 | | | | | 70 | | | | | 75 | |
| 30 | Val | Arg | Gln | Ala | Pro | Gly | Lys | Gly | Leu | Glu | Trp | Val | Ala | Gly | Ile | |
| | | | | | 80 | | | | | 85 | | | | | 90 | |
| 35 | Phe | Tyr | Asp | Gly | Gly | Asn | Lys | Tyr | Tyr | Ala | Asp | Ser | Val | Lys | Gly | |
| | | | | | 95 | | | | | 100 | | | | | 105 | |
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| | | | | | 110 | | | | | 115 | | | | | 120 | |
| 45 | Gln | Met | Asn | Ser | Leu | Arg | Ala | Glu | Asp | Thr | Ala | Val | Tyr | Tyr | Cys | |
| | | | | | 125 | | | | | 130 | | | | | 135 | |
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| | | | | | 155 | | | | | 160 | | | | | 165 | |
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| | | | | | 185 | | | | | 190 | | | | | 195 | |
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| | | | | | 200 | | | | | 205 | | | | | 210 | |
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| | | | | | 275 | | | | | 280 | | | | | 285 | |

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5 Ile Ser Glu Glu Asp Leu Asn Gly Ala Ala
305 310

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:12:

- 10 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 23 base pairs
(B) TYPE: Nucleic Acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single
(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

15 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:12:

20 AGCGGATAAC AATTCACAC AGG 23
20 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:13:

- 25 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 21 base pairs
(B) TYPE: Nucleic Acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: Single
(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

30 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:13:

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35 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:14:
(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 12 amino acids
(B) TYPE: Amino Acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: Linear

40 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:14:

45 Met Ala Asp Pro Asn Arg Phe Arg Gly Lys Asp Leu
1 5 10 12

What is claimed is:

1. Isolated Apo-2 polypeptide having at least 80% amino acid sequence identity with native sequence Apo-2 polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 1 to 411 of SEQ ID NO:1.
- 5 2. The Apo-2 polypeptide of claim 1 wherein said polypeptide has at least 90% amino acid sequence identity.
3. The Apo-2 polypeptide of claim 2 wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% amino acid sequence identity.
- 10 4. Isolated Apo-2 polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 1 to 411 of SEQ ID NO:1.
5. Isolated extracellular domain sequence of Apo-2 polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 54 to 182 of SEQ ID NO:1.
6. The extracellular domain sequence of claim 5 comprising amino acid residues 1 to 182 of SEQ ID NO:1.
- 15 7. Isolated death domain sequence of Apo-2 polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 324 to 391 of SEQ ID NO:1.
8. A chimeric molecule comprising the Apo-2 polypeptide of claim 1 or the extracellular domain sequence of claim 5 fused to a heterologous amino acid sequence.
- 20 9. The chimeric molecule of claim 8 wherein said heterologous amino acid sequence is an epitope tag sequence.
10. The chimeric molecule of claim 8 wherein said heterologous amino acid sequence is an immunoglobulin sequence.
11. The chimeric molecule of claim 10 wherein said immunoglobulin sequence is an IgG.
- 25 12. Isolated nucleic acid comprising a DNA encoding the polypeptide of claim 1, the extracellular domain sequence of claim 5, or the death domain sequence of claim 7.
13. The nucleic acid of claim 12 wherein said DNA encodes an Apo-2 polypeptide comprising amino acid residues 1 to 411 of SEQ ID NO:1.
- 30 14. A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 12.
15. The vector of claim 14 operably linked to control sequences recognized by a host cell transformed with the vector.
- 35 16. The vector of claim 14 comprising ATCC deposit accession number 209021.
17. A host cell comprising the vector of claim 14.
18. The host cell of claim 17 comprising a CHO cell.

19. The host cell of claim 17 comprising *E. coli*.
20. The host cell of claim 17 comprising a yeast cell.
21. A process of producing an Apo-2 polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of claim 17 under conditions sufficient to express Apo-2 polypeptide and recovering the expressed Apo-2 polypeptide from the culture.
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22. An Apo-2 polypeptide which is obtained or obtainable by expressing the polypeptide encoded by the cDNA insert in ATCC deposit accession number 209021.
- 10 23. A non-human, transgenic animal which contains cells that express DNA encoding Apo-2 polypeptide.
24. The animal of claim 23 which is a mouse or rat.
25. A non-human, knockout animal which contains cells having an altered gene encoding Apo-2 polypeptide.
- 15 26. The animal of claim 25 which is a mouse or rat.
27. An antibody which specifically binds to an Apo-2 polypeptide.
28. The antibody of claim 27 which is a monoclonal antibody.
29. The antibody of claim 27 comprising an agonistic antibody.
30. The antibody of claim 27 comprising a blocking antibody.
- 20 31. The antibody of claim 24 comprising a chimeric antibody.
32. The antibody of claim 28 wherein said antibody is an IgG antibody.
33. The antibody of claim 28 wherein said antibody comprises an Fab fragment.
- 25 34. The antibody of claim 28 wherein said antibody comprises a scFv fragment.
35. The antibody of claim 28 wherein said antibody comprises a F(ab')₂ fragment.
36. The antibody of claim 27 wherein said antibody comprises a
30 human antibody.
37. The antibody of claim 28 having the biological characteristics of the monoclonal antibody produced by the hybridoma cell line deposited as ATCC accession number HB-12456.
38. The antibody of claim 28 wherein the antibody binds to the
35 same epitope as the epitope to which the monoclonal antibody produced by the hybridoma cell line deposited as ATCC accession number HB-12456 binds.
39. A hybridoma cell line which produces the antibody of claim 28.

40. The hybridoma cell line deposited as ATCC accession number HB-12456.
41. The monoclonal antibody produced by the hybridoma cell line deposited as ATCC accession number HB-12456.
- 5 42. The antibody of claim 27 wherein said antibody is a single-chain antibody.
43. The antibody of claim 42 wherein said antibody comprises the 16E2 antibody.
44. The antibody of claim 42 wherein said antibody comprises the 20E6 antibody.
- 10 45. The antibody of claim 42 wherein said antibody comprises the 24C4 antibody.
46. The antibody of claim 42 wherein said antibody is fused to an epitope tag sequence.
- 15 47. A chimeric molecule comprising the antibody of claim 27 fused to a heterologous amino acid sequence.
48. The chimeric molecule of claim 47 wherein said heterologous amino acid sequence comprises an immunoglobulin sequence.
49. A dimeric molecule comprising the Apo-2 antibody of claim 27 and a heterologous antibody.
- 20 50. A homodimeric molecule comprising a first Apo-2 antibody and a second Apo-2 antibody.
51. Isolated nucleic acid comprising DNA encoding the Apo-2 antibody of claim 43.
- 25 52. Isolated nucleic acid comprising DNA encoding the antibody of claim 44.
53. Isolated nucleic acid comprising DNA encoding the antibody of claim 45.
54. A vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 51, 52, or 53.
- 30 55. A host cell comprising the vector of claim 54.
56. A method of producing an Apo-2 antibody comprising culturing the host cell of claim 55 under conditions wherein the DNA is expressed.
57. A composition comprising the antibody of claim 27 and a carrier.
- 35 58. The composition of claim 57 wherein said carrier is a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.
59. A method of inducing apoptosis in mammalian cancer cells

- comprising exposing mammalian cancer cells to an effective amount of the Apo-2 agonistic antibody of claim 29.
60. The method of claim 59 wherein said agonistic antibody comprises a single-chain antibody.
- 5 61. A method of treating mammalian cancer cells comprising exposing mammalian cancer cells to an agent which activates Apo-2.
62. The method of claim 61 wherein said agent comprises an agonistic Apo-2 antibody.
- 10 63. An article of manufacture comprising a container and a composition contained within said container, wherein the composition includes Apo-2 polypeptide or Apo-2 antibody.
64. The article of manufacture of claim 63 further comprising instructions for using the Apo-2 polypeptide or Apo-2 antibody
15 *in vivo* or *ex vivo*.

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FIG.- 1A

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 CGAGGACTC GTCCCTTACCT TTCAAGGCTCT CGCTCGTCTC AGTTGTACAA CAGGGGGCCC CTCACTG TAGACGACCT TGGCCGTTCTT
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 CGACTTTCCA GAGTCTCTC CTCCGACGAC CAAGGTCTGT TACTTCACT AGGGTACTC TGAGACTCTG TCACGAAACGT CTGAAACCAG
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 GGAAGTGAAG GACCCTGGC GAGTACTCTC TCAACCCGGG GTACCTGTAA CTCTATTCC ACCGATTTCG ACCTCGTGC CCGGTGTCCTG
 322 PheAspse rTrpGluPro LeuMetArgL ySleuGlyLe uMetAspAsn GluIleLysV alAlaLysAl aGluAlaAla GlyHisArgA spThrLeuTyR

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FIG.- 1C

1 MEQRGQNAAPASGARKRHRGPPREARGARPGRLVPKTLVLLVAAVLILVSAEASALITQQD
61 LAPQQRAAPQQKRSSPSEGLCPPGHISEDGRDC1SCKYGDYSTHMDLLFCLRCTRCD
121 SGEVELSPCTTTTRNTVQCEEGTFREEDSPEMCRKCRTGCPGMVKVGDCTPWSDIECVH
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301 NEGDPTETRLQCFDDFADLVPPFDSWEPLMRKLGMDNEIKVAKAEAAAGHRDTLYTMLIKW
361 VNKTGRDASVHTLLDALETLGERLAKQKIEDHLLSSGKEMYLEGNADSALS

FIG.- 2A

| | |
|----------|--|
| Apo2 | FADLVPPEDSWEPLMRKLGMDNEIKVAKAEAA- -GH RDTL |
| DR4 | FANIVPFDSDWDLMRQIDLTKEIDVVRAGTA- -GP GDAL |
| Apo3/DR3 | VMDAVPARRWKEFVRTGLREAEVEVIGR-- -F RDQ Q |
| TNFR1 | VVENVPPPLRWKEFVRIGLSDHELDRELQNGR-C REAQ |
| Fas/Apo1 | IAGVMTLSQVKGEVRKINGVNNEAKIDEIKNDNVQDTAEQKV |
| Apo2 | YTMLIKWVNKTGRD-ASVHTLDALETLGERLAKQKIED |
| DR4 | YAMLKWNKTKGRN-ASVHTLDALETRMEERHAKEXKIQD |
| Apo3/DR3 | YEMLKRWROQQP-- -AGLGAVYAAALERWGLDGCVEDLRS |
| TNFR1 | YSNLATWRRTPRREATLELLGRVERDMDDLGCLIEDIEE |
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FIG.- 2B

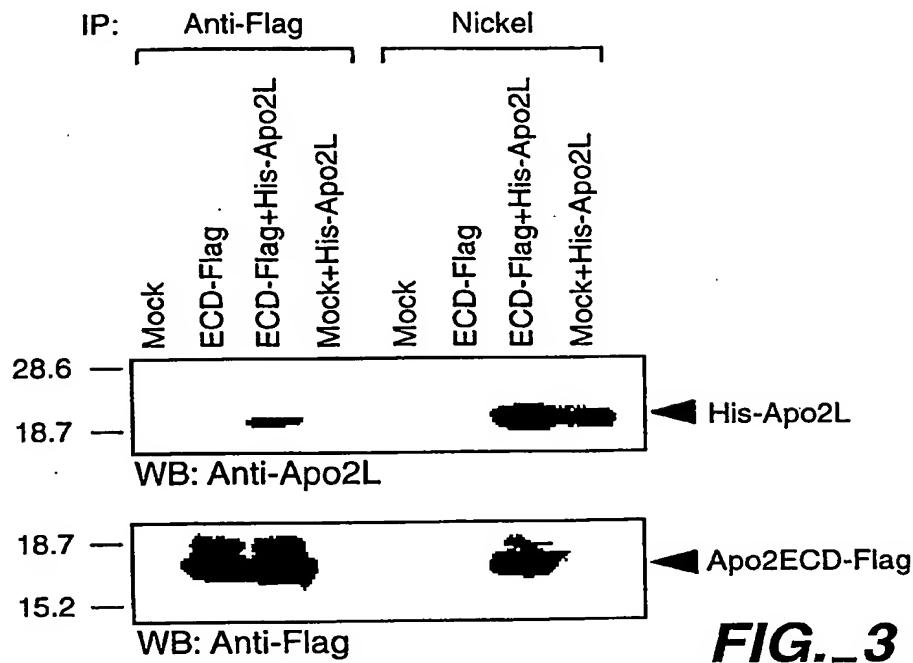


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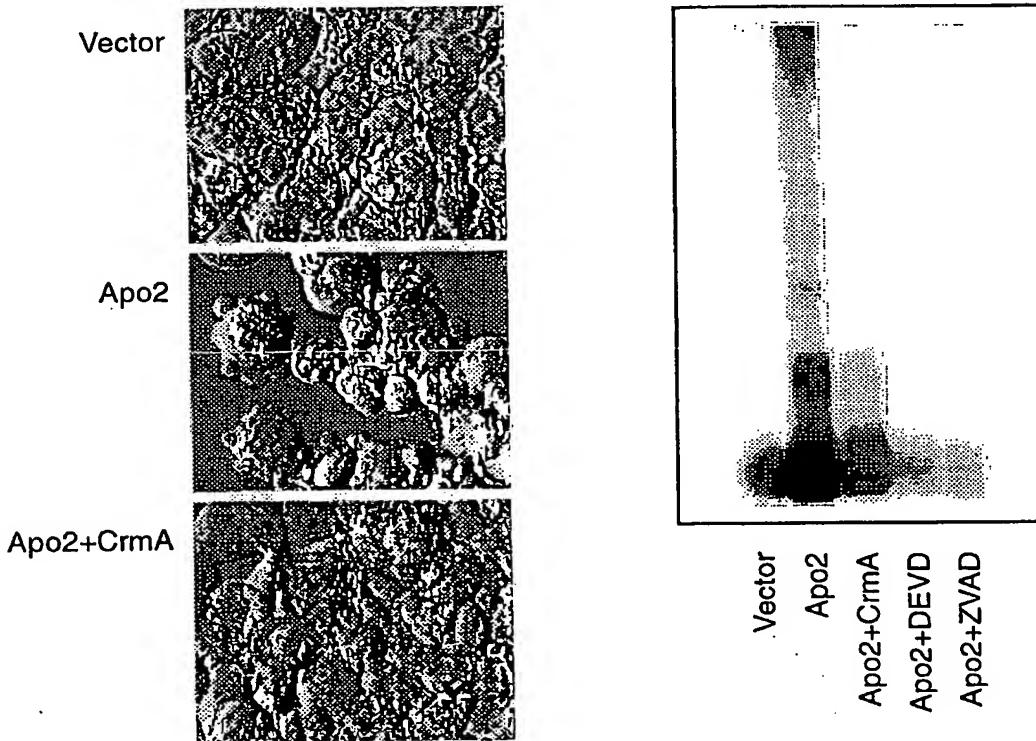
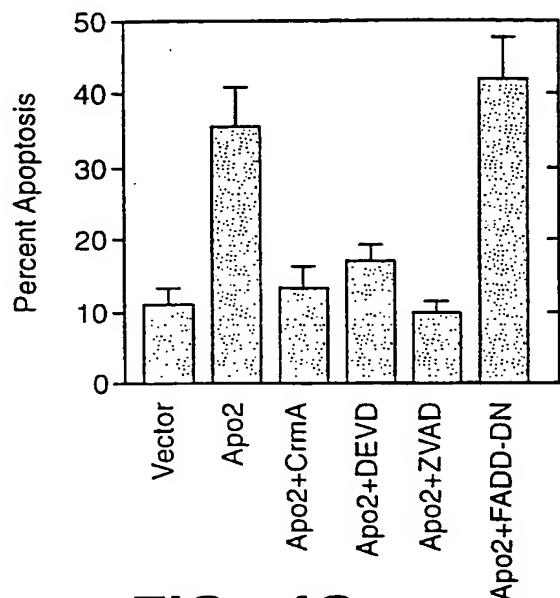
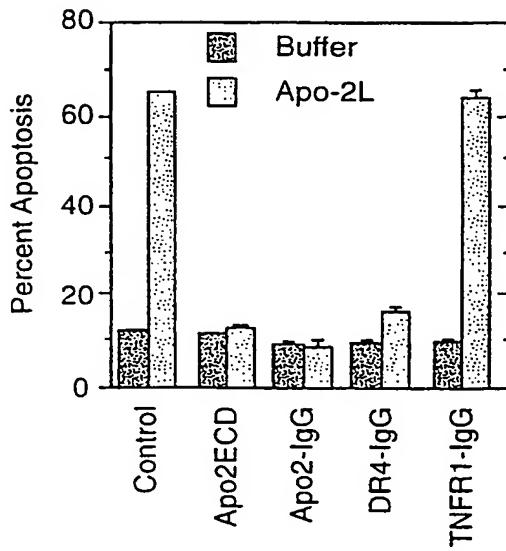
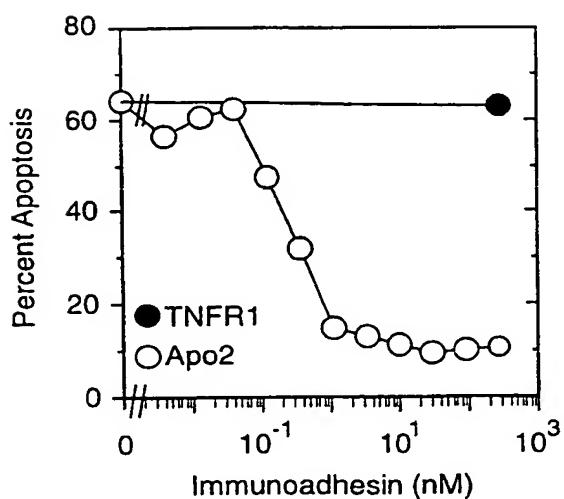
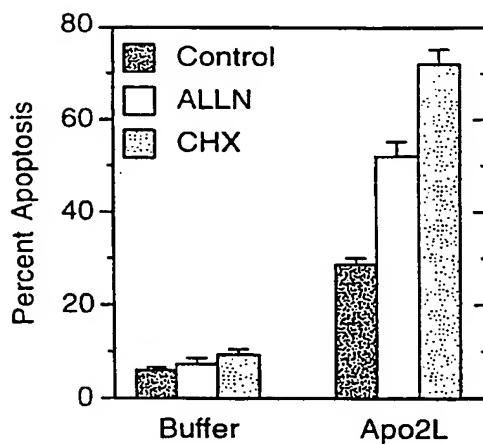


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**FIG._4C****FIG._4D****FIG._4E****FIG._5C**

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| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unlabelled probe | + | + | + | + | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Labelled probe | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Anti-p65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | + | + |

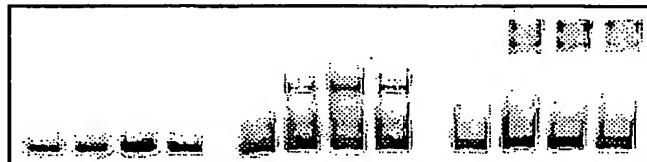


FIG._5A

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unlabelled probe | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Labelled probe | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | + |
| Anti-p65 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

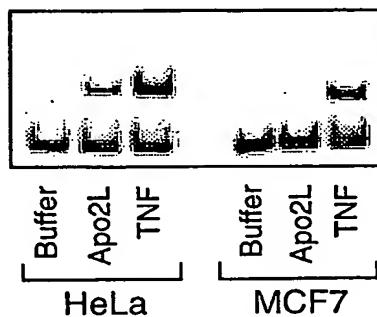


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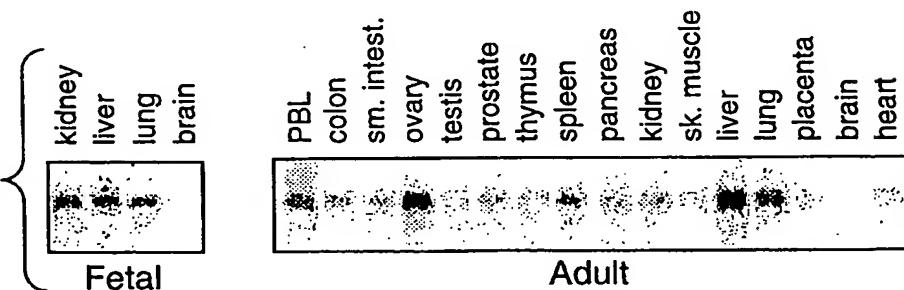


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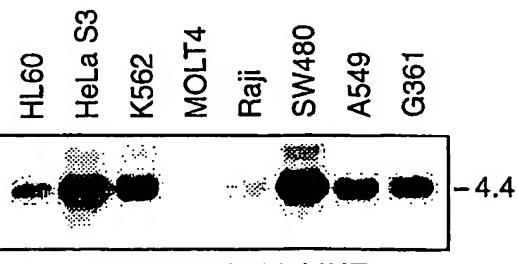


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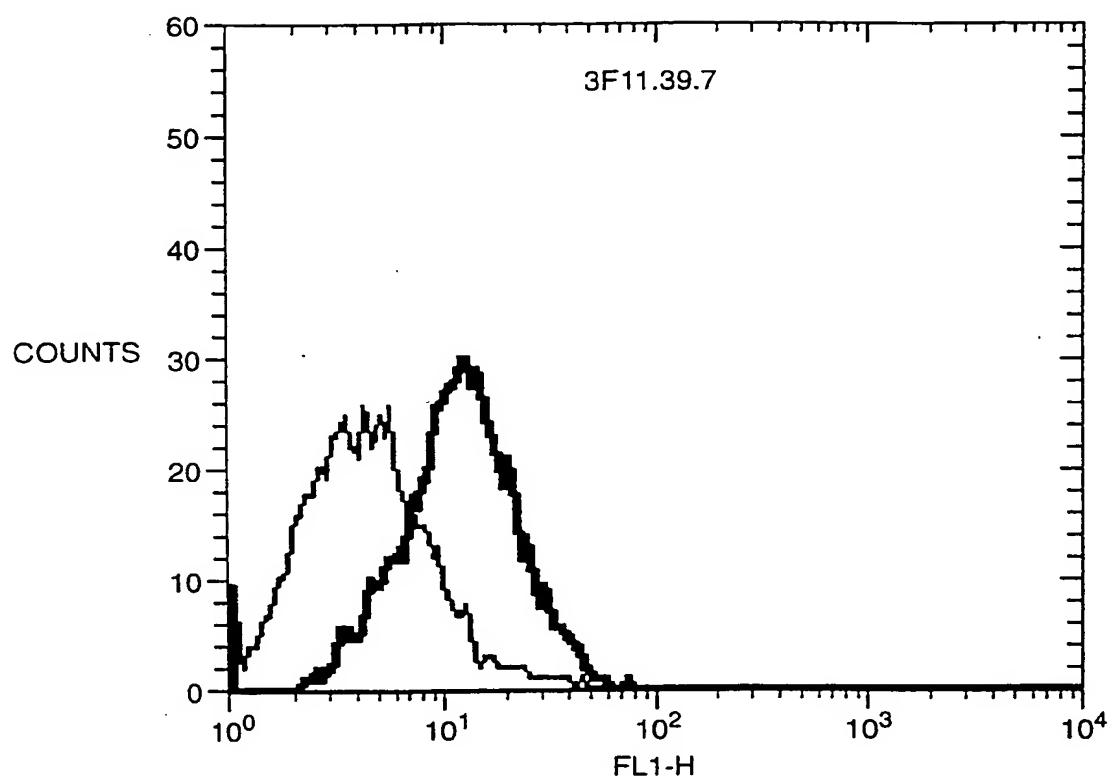
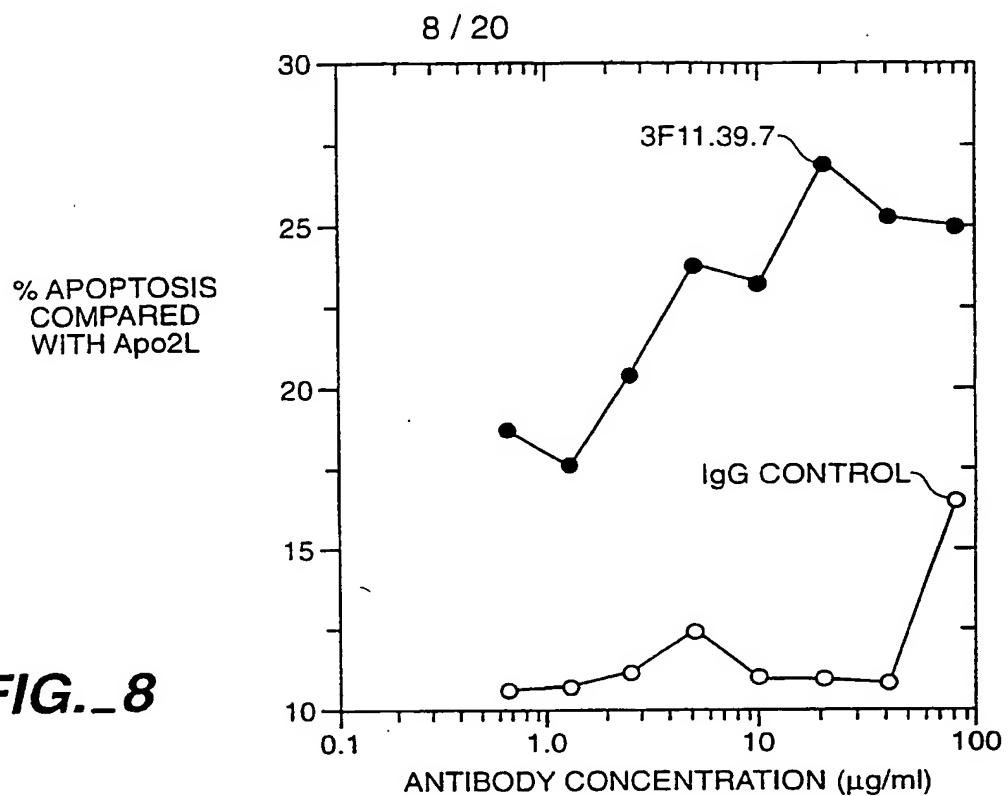
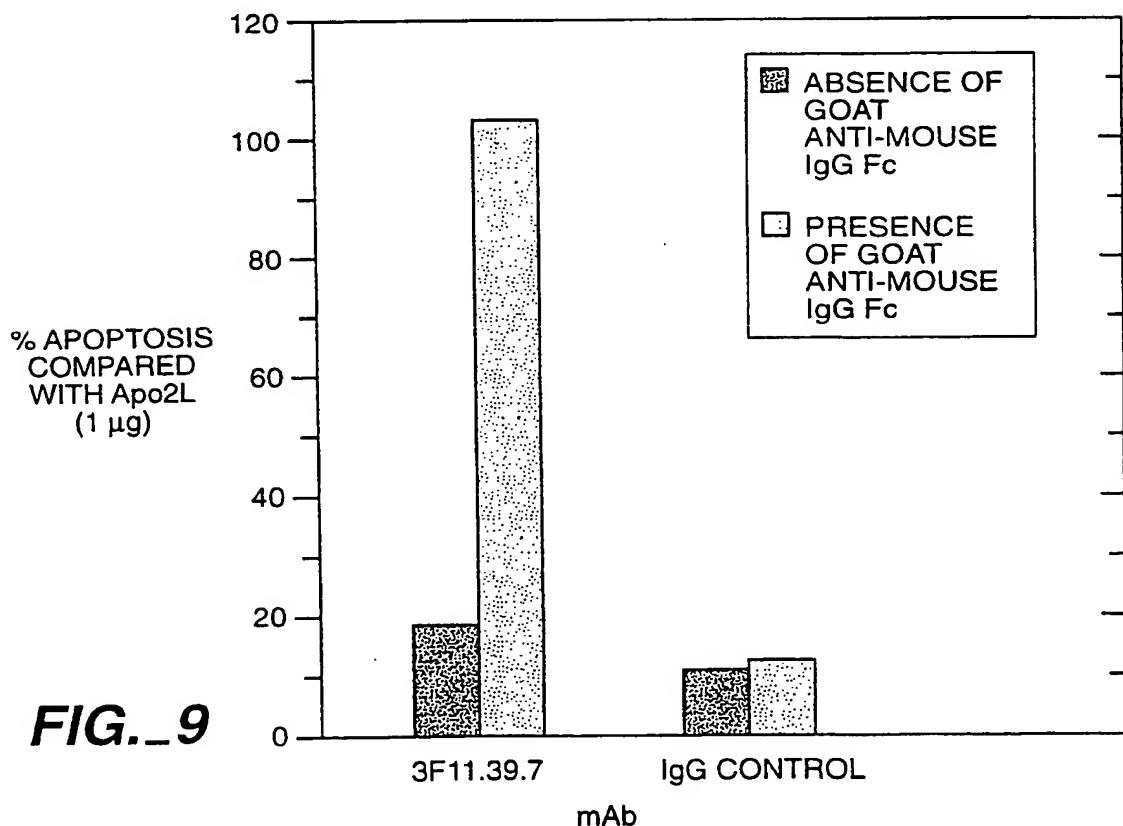
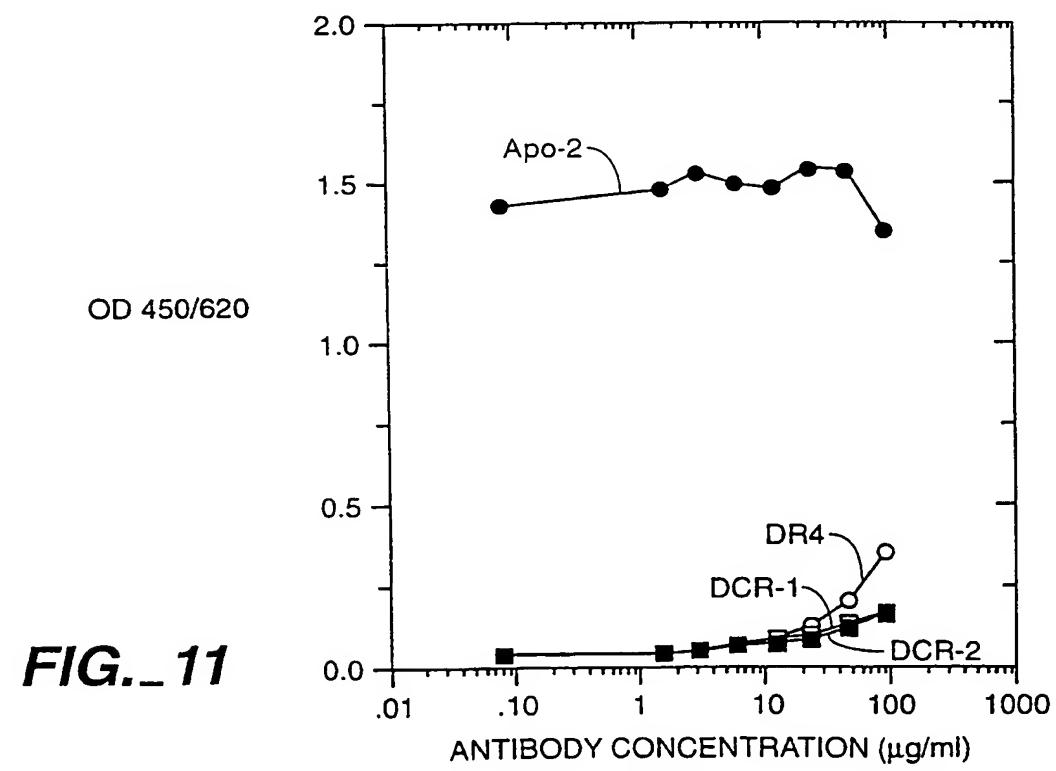
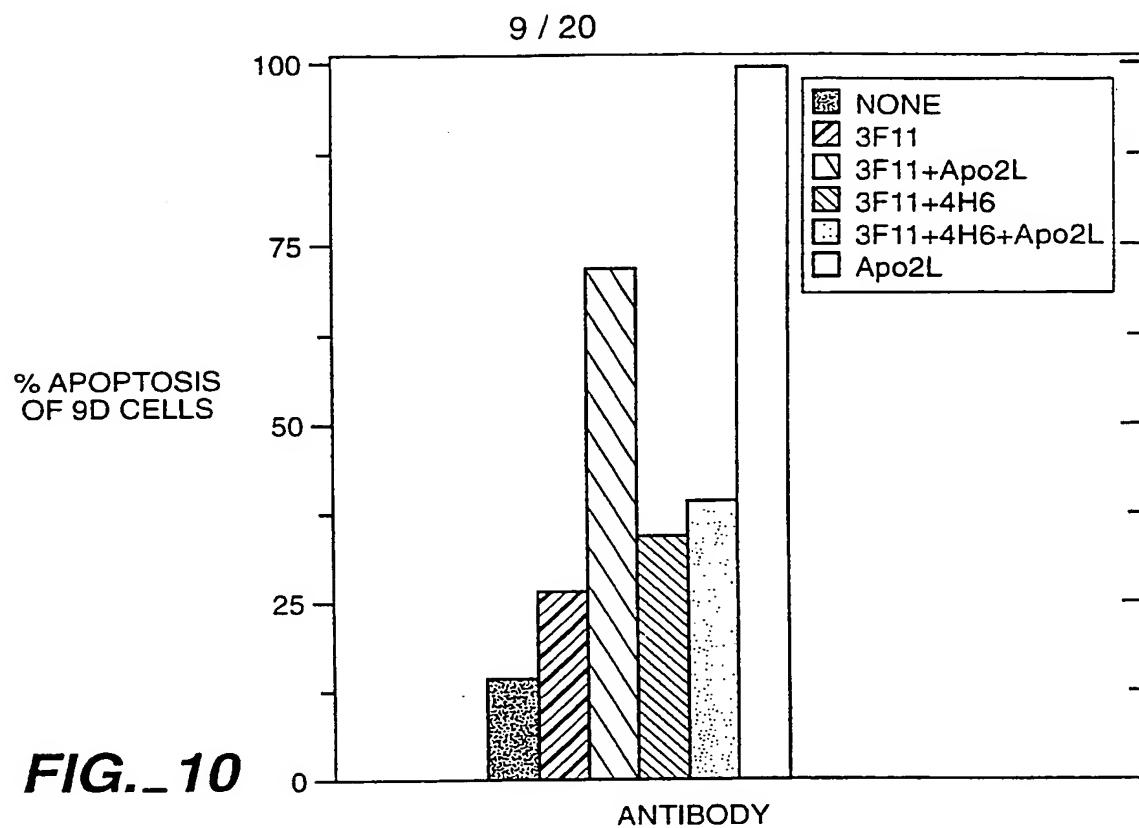
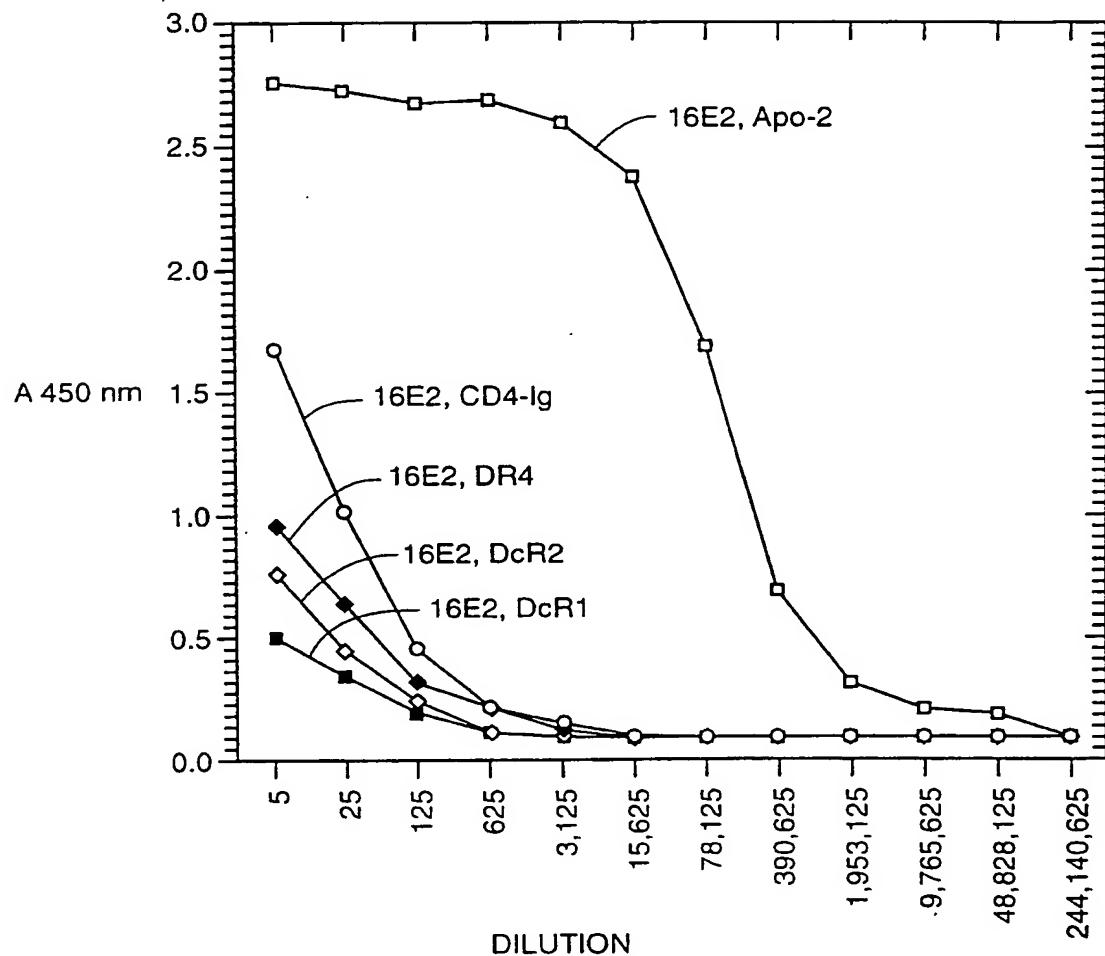


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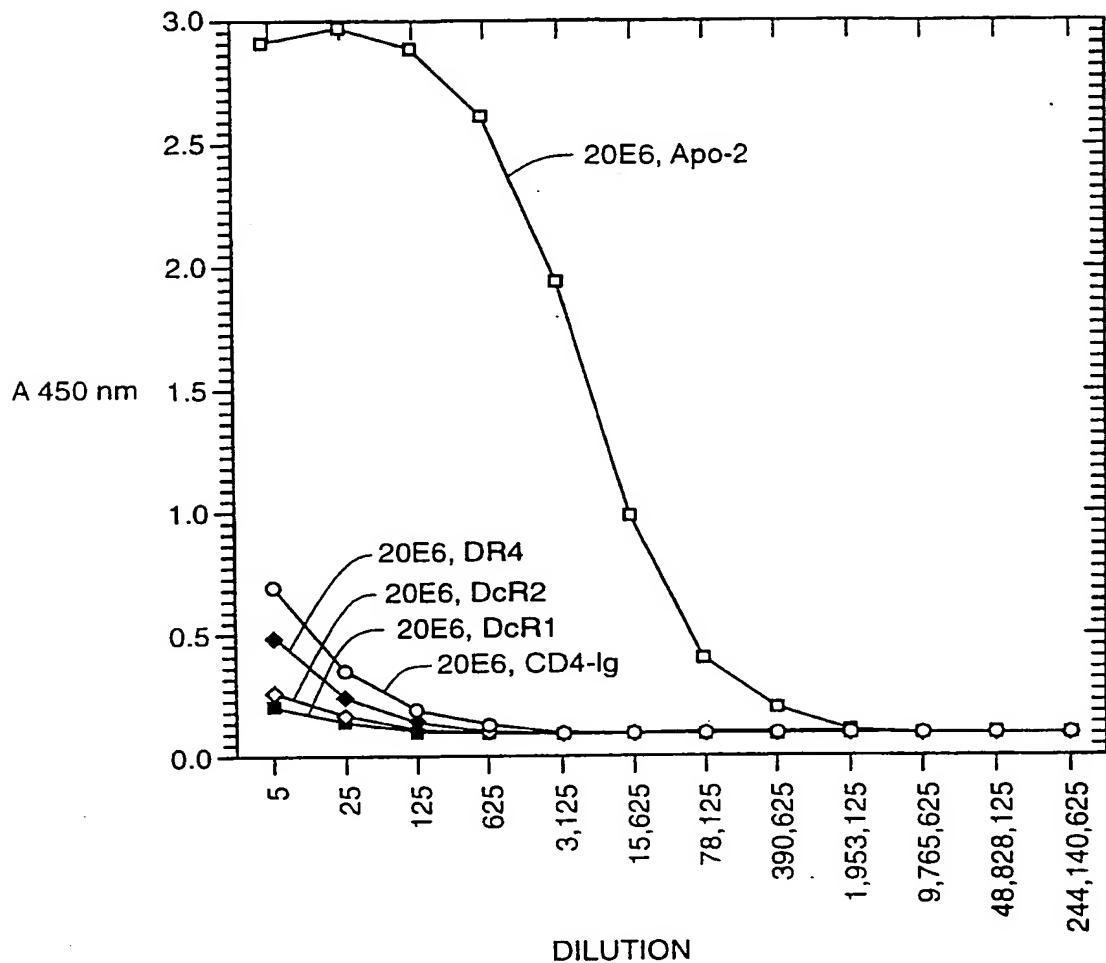
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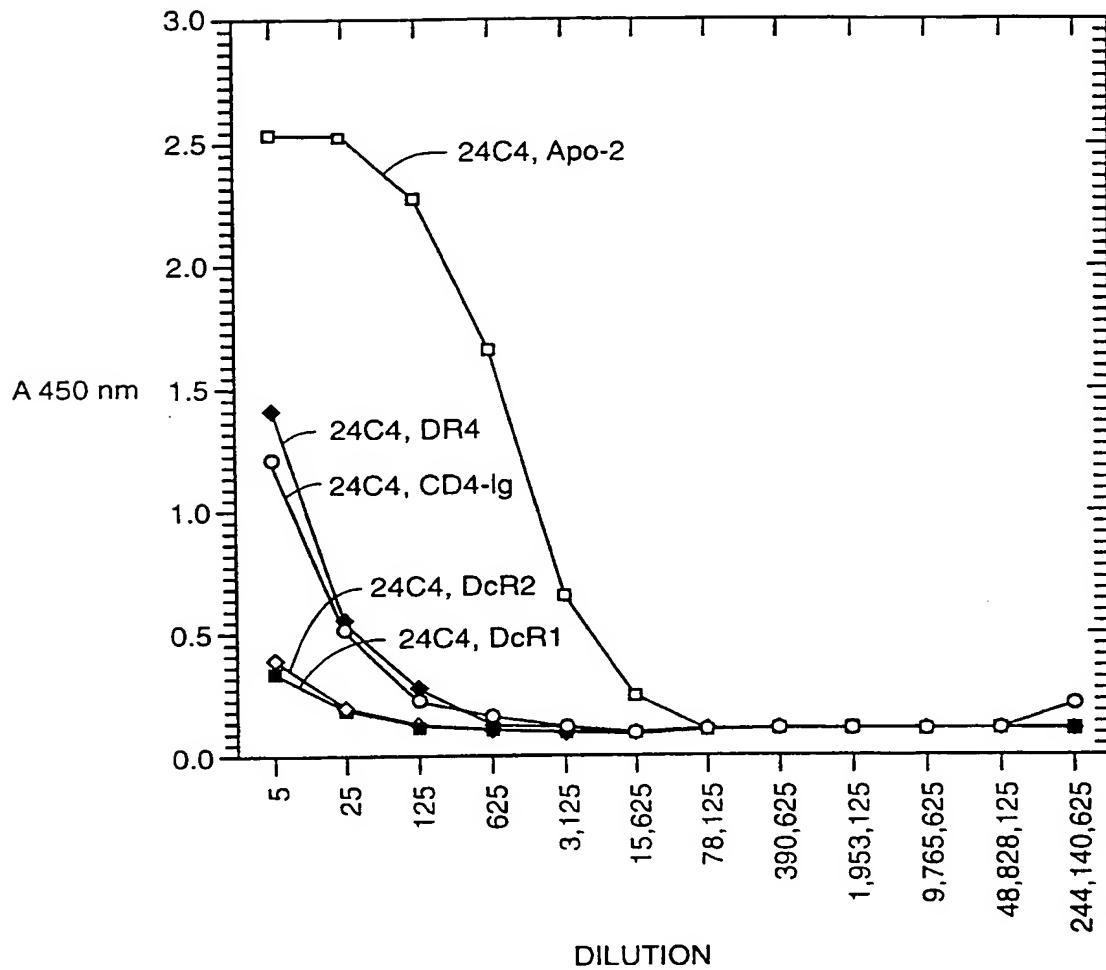
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**FIG._ 12A**

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**FIG._ 12C**

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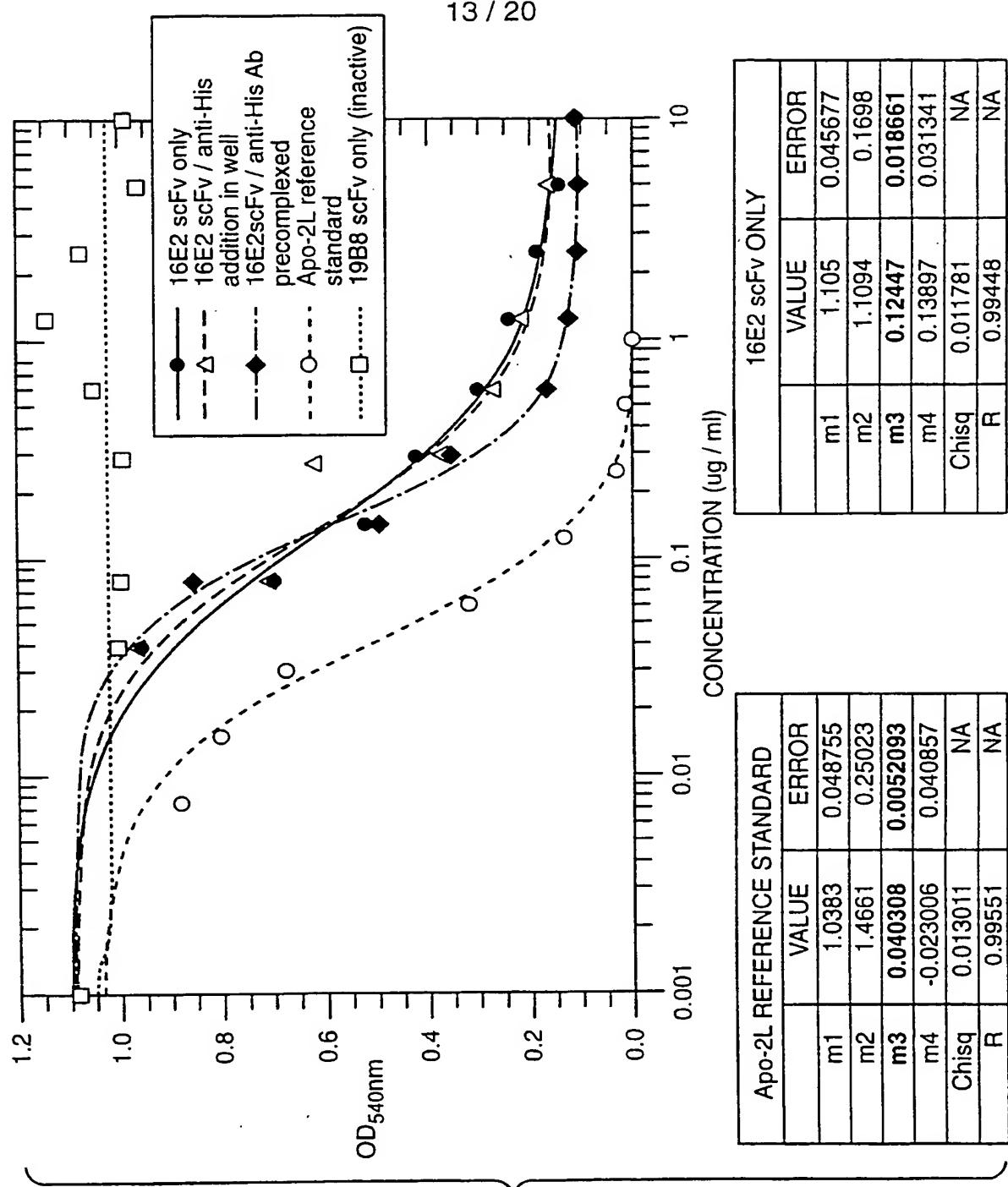
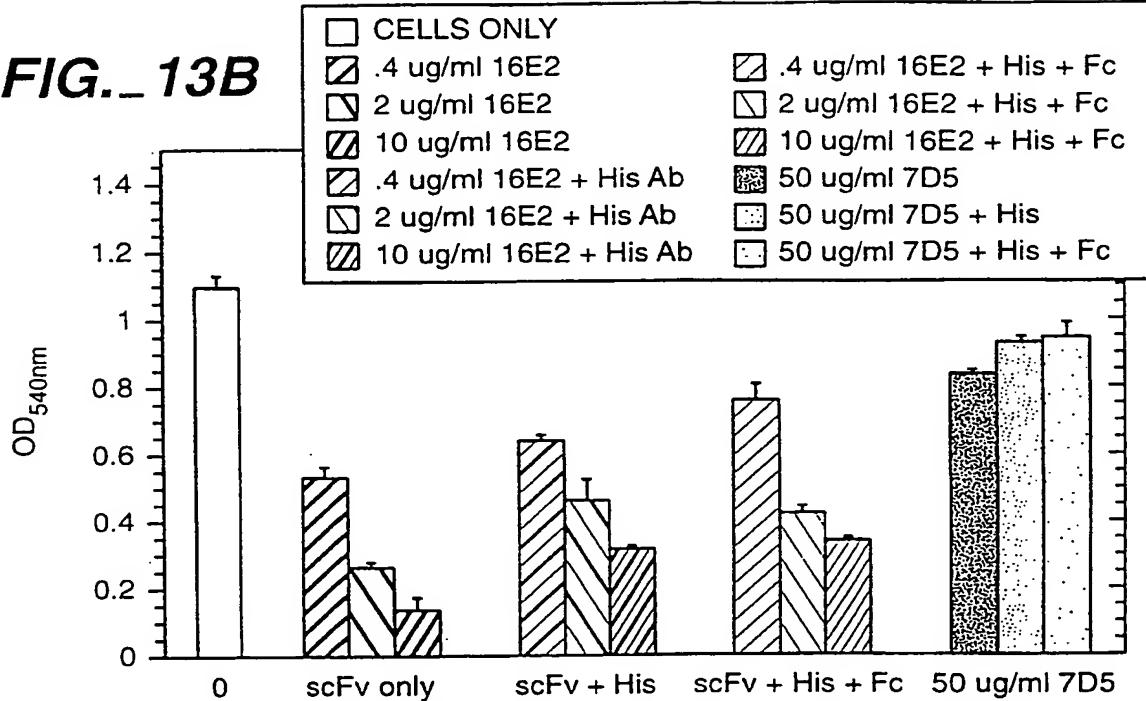
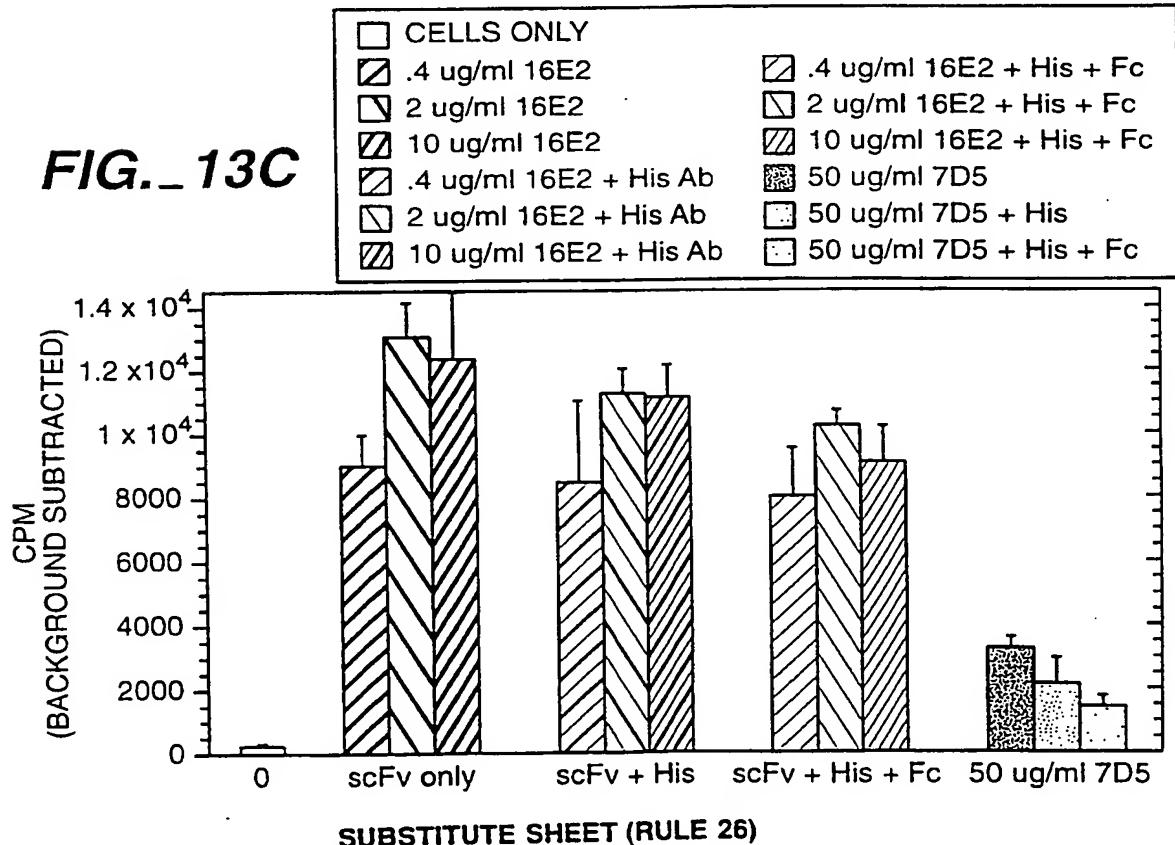


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FIG._ 13B**FIG._ 13C**

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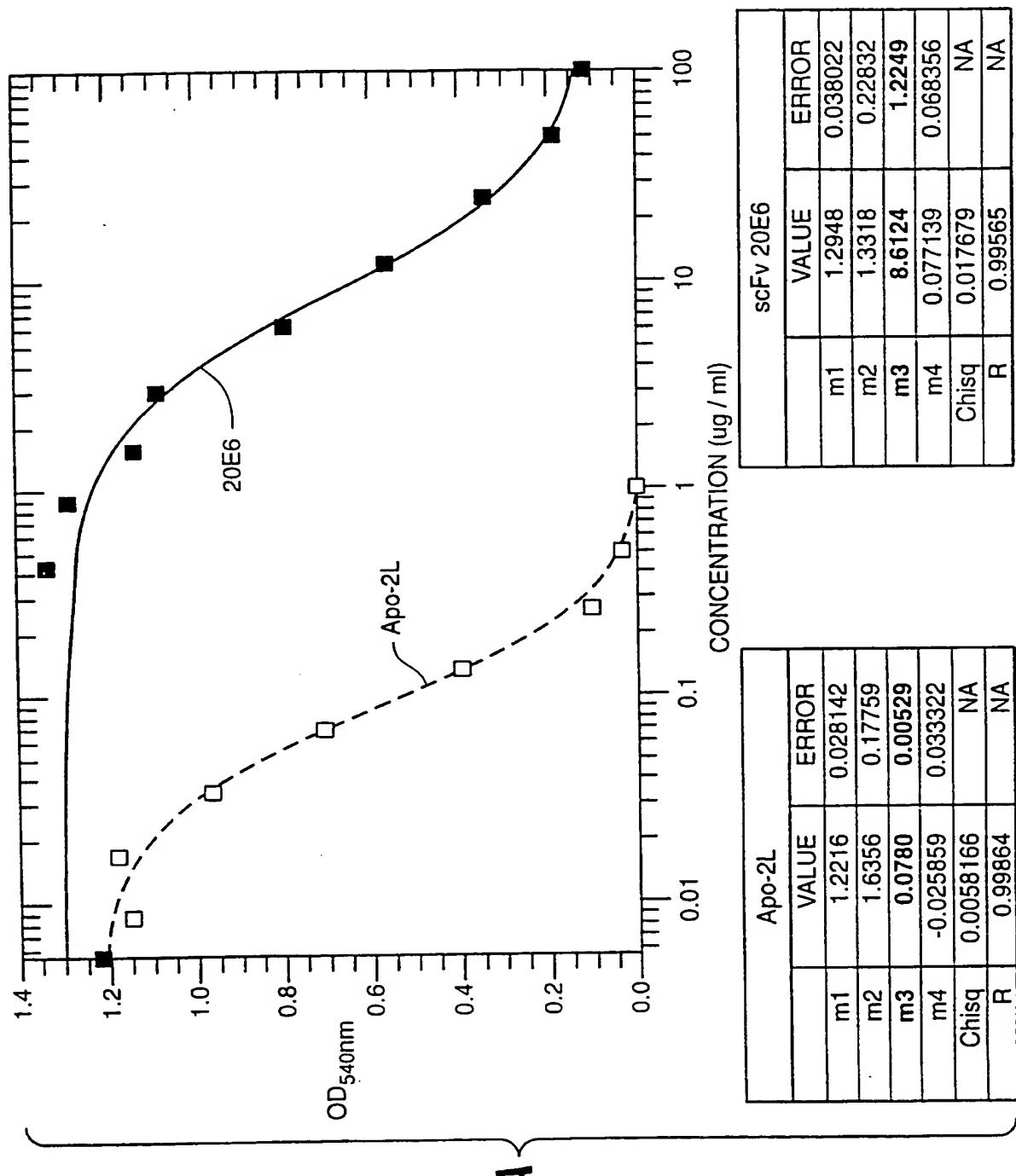


FIG.- 14A

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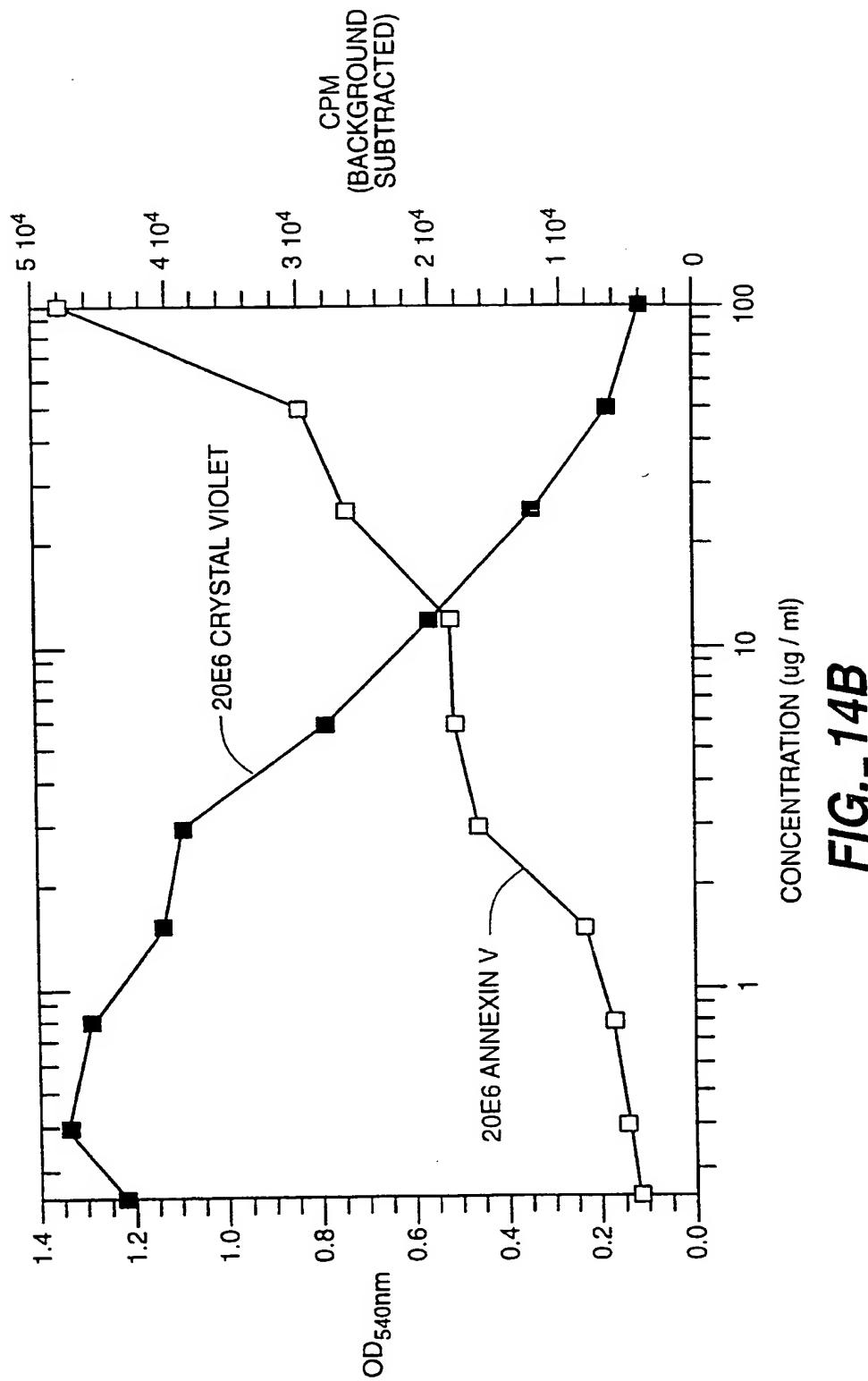
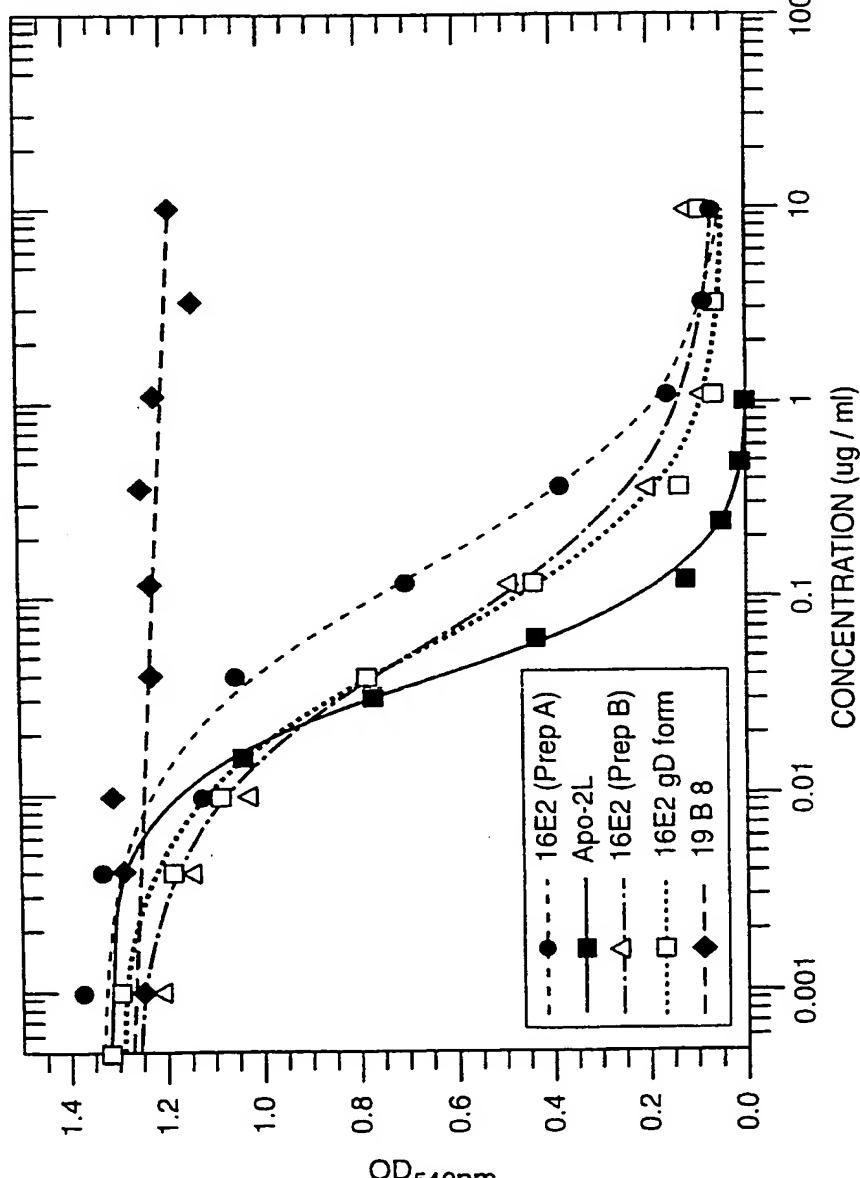


FIG._ 14B

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| 16E2 gD form | | |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| | VALUE | ERROR |
| m1 | 1.2927 | 0.031233 |
| m2 | 1.0515 | 0.12327 |
| m3 | 0.0529 | 0.00630 |
| m4 | 0.038924 | 0.028704 |
| Chisq | 0.0099802 | NA |
| R | 0.99812 | NA |

| Apo-2L STANDARD | | |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | VALUE | ERROR |
| m1 | 1.3125 | 0.025484 |
| m2 | 1.5904 | 0.1161 |
| m3 | 0.0384 | 0.00201 |
| m4 | -0.018045 | 0.020658 |
| Chisq | 0.0039739 | NA |
| R | 0.99916 | NA |



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FIG._14C

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ATGACCATGA TTACGCCAAG CTTTGGAGCC TTTTTTTGG AGATTTCAA 50
 CGTAAAAAAA TTATTATTAG CAATTCTTT AGTTGTTCTT TTCTATGCGG 100
 CCCAGCCGGC CATGGCCGAG GTGCAGCTGG TGCAGTCTGG GGGAGGTGTG 150
 GAACGGCCGG GGGGGTCCCT GAGACTCTCC TGTGCAGCCT CTGGATTAC 200
 CTTTGATGAT TATGGCATGA GCTGGGTCCG CCAAGCTCCA GGGAAAGGGC 250
 TGGAGTGGGT CTCTGGTATT AATTGGAATG GTGGTAGCAC AGGATATGCA 300
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 CCTGTATCTG CAAATGAACA GCCTGAGAGC CGAGGACACG GCCGTATATT 400
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 TCAGAAGAGG ATCTGAATGG GGCGCATAG 930

FIG._ 15A

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 CGTAAAAAAA TTATTATTAG CAATTCTTT AGTTGTTCTT TTCTATGCGG 100
 CCCAGCCGGC CATGGCCGGG GTGCAGCTGG TGGAGTCTGG GGGAGGCTTG 150
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 TCCTAGGTGC GGCGCACAT CATCATCACC ATCACGGGGC CGCAGAACAA 900
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FIG._ 15B

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ATCTCAGAAG AGGATCTGAA TGGGGCCGCA TAG 933

FIG._ 15C

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| Heavy chain | | Light chain | |
|----------------|--|----------------|--|
| signal | | | |
| APO-2-16E2.his | 1 MTWITPSEGFAFFLEIFNVVKLLEAIPLVVFYAAQPAAMAEVQLVQSQQGV | APO-2-20E6.his | 1 MTWITPSEGFAFFLEIFNVVKLLEAIPLVVFYAAQPAAMAGYQLVESEGGGL |
| APO-2-20E6.his | 1 MTWITPSEGFAFFLEIFNVVKLLEAIPLVVFYAAQPAAMAQVQLVQSQQGV | APO-2-24C4.his | 1 MTWITPSEGFAFFLEIFNVVKLLEAIPLVVFYAAQPAAMAQVQLVQSQQGV |
| APO-2-16E2.his | 51 ERPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFDDYGMWSWVRQAPGKGLEWVSGINWNNGSTGYA | APO-2-20E6.his | 51 VQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSSYWMWSWVRQAPGKGLEWVANIKODGSEKIVY |
| APO-2-24C4.his | 51 VQPGRSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYGMWWVRQAPGKGLEWVAGIFYDGGNKYYA | | |
| | CDR1 | | CDR2 |
| | | | CDR3 |
| APO-2-16E2.his | 101 DSVKGRTVTISRDNAKNSLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYCAKIL---GAGRHWY | APO-2-20E6.his | 101 DSVKGRTVTISRDNAKNSLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYCARDLLKVKGSSSGW- |
| APO-2-24C4.his | 101 DSVKGRTVTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYCARD-----RGYY | | |
| | CDR1 | | CDR2 |
| | | | CDR3 |
| APO-2-16E2.his | 147 F-DLWGKGTTVTSSGGGSGGGSGGGSGGGS-SELTQDPAVSVALGQTVRI | APO-2-20E6.his | 150 F-DPWGRGTTVTSSGGGSGGGSGGGSGGGS-SELTQDPAVSVALGQTVRI |
| APO-2-24C4.his | 143 YMDDWGKGTVTSSGGGSGGGSGGGSGGGS-QSVLTQFOPSVSGAPGQRVTI | | |
| | CDR1 | | CDR2 |
| | | | CDR3 |
| APO-2-16E2.his | 195 TCGQDSLRL---SYASWYQQKPGQAPVLUYIGKNNRPSGIPDRFGSSSG | APO-2-20E6.his | 198 TCGQDSLRL---SYASWYQQKPGQAPVLUYIGKNNRPSGIPDRFGSSSG |
| APO-2-24C4.his | 193 SCTGRSSNIGAGHDVHWYQQLPGTAPKLILYDDSNRPSGVPDRFGSRSG | | |
| | CDR1 | | CDR2 |
| | | | CDR3 |
| APO-2-16E2.his | 242 NTASLTITGAQAEDEADYYCNSRDSGGNHHVFFGGGTRTLTVLGAAAHHHHH | APO-2-20E6.his | 245 NTASLTITGAQAEDEADYYCNSRDSGGNHHVFFGGTKTTLTVLGAAAHHHHH |
| APO-2-24C4.his | 243 TSASLAITGLOAQEDEADYYCQSYDSSLRGSYFGGTKTVTLGAAAHHHHH | | |
| | CDR1 | | CDR2 |
| | | | CDR3 |
| APO-2-16E2.his | 292 HGAEEQKLISEEDLNGAA | APO-2-20E6.his | 295 HGAEEQKLISEEDLNGAA |
| APO-2-24C4.his | 293 HGAEEQKLISEEDLNGAA | | |

FIG.—16

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